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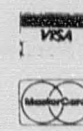
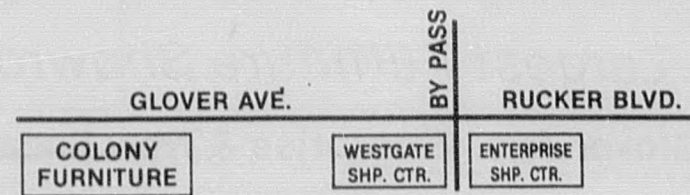
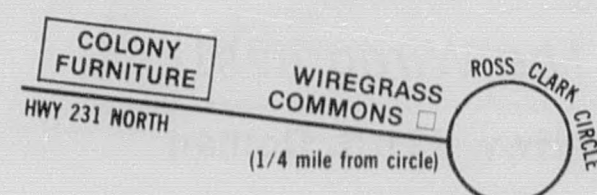
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**Elba's 1987 Christmas Family
The Tom Head Family**

Tom, Chris, Anna • age 7, Alan • age 5,
Jonathan • age 4 and Mary Katherine • age 2

BRAINSTORMS

By Ferrin Cox

The lights have been turned on around the courthouse and they look great! We mean the ones shining on the building itself and not the Christmas lights this week. We can expect this to continue year round, as they county bought the lights and the city hooked them into the Elba street light system. This way they will come on at dark and go off at daybreak. The old courthouse is a beauty and its beauty is accentuated inside and outside.

We would like to commend Paul Hubbard and the AEA for deciding to drop their support of the career ladder plan. This has been our opinion for some time... in fact from the time we read just how it was to work. However, any patting on the back would be cancelled out by the statement that they are going to seek 20 percent increases in teacher salaries. Pay raises are often necessary and this we agree with, but increasing teacher pay 20 percent at one lick is more than the budget can stand.

Gary Hart for president! Well, he is back in the race. Judging from the fact he has no headquarters, no staff, etc., we join the group believing he is in the race for the money. There is the one million dollars in federal matching funds that he may qualify for now, and maybe more if he can get some fatcats to give some more from their pockets. We have known candidates for state and local offices that made money from being candidates and spending less than they took in as donations; but this guy is just trying to pay his bills. Bet he will refrain from ever again daring any press folks to catch him doing something wrong. Actually, he may have served a good purpose because the public has a bellyful of the news media digging so deeply into candidates' personal lives. This will make a lot of journalists looking for jobs at *The National Enquirer* (which caters to those hungry for that dirt) and maybe the other publications printing real news.

The U.S. airlines have cracked down on the amount of luggage a person can carry onto a flight without "checking it." We don't have any real problem with that until we remember all the nightmares caused by lost luggage. We recall sending a child of ours off for her first airplane trip alone and instructing this poor child to be sure her checked baggage got on every plane as it was supposed to. Can you imagine two high school girls, already in a new world, watching to see their luggage crammed into the baggage compartment leaving the airport, changing in Atlanta, and the same on the return flight? Our concern was about the luggage, not the girls. "My luggage is lost," and knowing there was nothing we could do about it. The girls were horrified at the thought of not having three changes of clothes for every day they were enjoying the bright lights of Washington, D.C. They made it on that trip, but we have all heard the horror stories of those who were not so lucky -- hence just try to carry it all with you.

We have been saying for several years now that the national Democratic party was in bad shape or like a ship without a rudder. Well, we read that Johnny Carson summed it all up recently when he said, "The Democrats are in bad shape. Gary (Hart) has no money, he has no staff, he has no judgment. And he's the front-runner!" This expresses our opinion that they just don't have it all together and are a long way from getting it that way.

It is Christmas time -- and let us take this time to wish you a very Merry Christmas.



MacArthur Tech

Releases Fall

Quarter Dean's List

The honor roll for Fall Quarter at Douglas MacArthur State Technical College has been released. Those who made all A's include:

Martin J. Barnes, Paul D. Baskelor, Vicki L. Benbow, Randall K. Linton and Bobby C. Mills all from Brantley.

Johnny J. Berry, Tammy J. Berry Lisa D. Gaston, Michael L. Mitchell and Roger A. Moore, all from Dozier.

Diane Catty from Gresham, W. Meek, Edward J. Tillis, and Donnie H. Wood, all from Elba.

Christopher F. Carter, Susan D. Hurd, and David L. Snellgrove, all from Jack.

John P. Burkett, Lora A. Farris and Dan M. Wilkerson, all from Kingston, and Willie J. Rodgers from Rutledge.

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Tucker Named VP At SouthTrust

Gerald Tucker at SouthTrust Bank of Coffee County has recently been promoted to vice president at the bank.

In making the announcement, Ted Roberts, chairman of the board, president and CEO said, that he is

"very pleased to promote a person that is so vital to the growth and success of this bank. Gerald is certainly deserving of this new title and I make this announcement with great pleasure!"

"The Mayor And Buford" Coming To Elba

"The Mayor and Buford," a comedy team will be appearing at the Elba Elementary School cafeteria on Friday, Jan. 15, 1988, beginning at 7 p.m.

The entertainment group is being sponsored by the Elba Chamber of Commerce. Tickets may be purchased at the Chamber office at 200 Buford St.

ELBA POLICE REPORT

The Elba Police Dept. reported an active week with a total of 1 arrest (public intoxication) and 4 traffic citations (blocking driveway, failure to stop at stop sign, driving on wrong side of road and driving under the influence).

Following are daily activity reports:

TUESDAY, DEC. 15
Activity included a disturbance at Stouffville St. (4:20 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 16
Activity included a hit-and-run accident in the school zone (2:36 p.m.) and a wreck at Kleiner's (4:10 p.m.).

THURSDAY, DEC. 17

Bulletin Board
S.S. REP. - City Hall - 3rd Tues. 9:30 - 12:30. Call free 1-800-325-0354.

ROTARY CLUB - Mon. Noon
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EASTERN STAR - 2nd & 4th Thurs. 7 p.m.
ELBA MINISTRIAL ASSN. - Thurs. 8 a.m. - Ye Old Hickory Pit

JAYCEES - 1st & 3rd Thurs. 7 p.m.
Bever Dam Restaurant

CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Mon. 5 p.m.

LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. 7 p.m. Beaver Dam Hall

ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. 5 p.m. Supt. Office

AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs. 7:30 p.m. - Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.

BOY SCOUTS - Mon. 7 p.m. Over old City Hall

RESCUE SQUAD - 2nd & 4th Tues. 7 p.m. Library

WATER & ELECTRIC - 2nd Tues. 5 p.m. City Hall

MASONIC LODGE #770 - 1st Sat. & 3rd Mon. 7 p.m.

AA - Wed. 8 p.m. & Sun. 8 p.m. Sr. Citizens Bldg.

BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. 7 p.m. Band Room

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE - Tues. Thurs. 8:30-4:30, 897-2924

NEW ALABAMA - Wed. 8 p.m. Sr. Citizens Center

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS - 4th Thurs. 8 p.m. Sr. Citizens Center

COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. 3 p.m. Club House

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NOTICE

WE RECEIVE LETTERS

Dear Editor,

Judging by the appearance of portions of Taylor Mill Road the last three weekends, it appears that the hottest selling item in Elba this Christmas season is toilet paper.

While I am not opposed to a good joke, this appears to have been carried to an extreme.

Continuation of this activity would appear to indicate that the perpetrator(s) is and immature, as well as mindless regarding the rights and feelings of others.

The other residents of this area and I would like to see an end to the "rolling." Enough is enough!

HENRY S. COCHRAN, M.D.

Dear Editor,

When people work together to

achieve goals, good things are always accomplished. The extraordinary beauty of downtown Elba during this Christmas season exemplifies what a difference such an effort can make. I can never remember our downtown area looking so beautiful.

This is a joint effort of the banks, garden clubs, Chamber of Commerce, merchants, city and county officials and work crews and many interested citizens.

I encourage anyone who has not made a trip around the courthouse square at night this holiday season to please make every effort to do so before the first of the year. I promise - you will be DELIGHTED!

Sincerely,
/s/ MARION BRUNSON

OBITUARIES

CHARLIE RAPHEL (Ray) ALCURI

Police Officer Charlie Raphael (Ray) Alcuri, 34, of Ozark, died Saturday morning, Dec. 19, 1987, in line of duty with Ozark police.

Funeral services were held Dec. 21 at 1 p.m. at the Ozark Civic Center with the Rev. Rex Godwin officiating. Burial was in Mt. Zion Cemetery in Coffee County with full honors at graveside. Flugs -Banks Funeral Home of Ozark directed.

Officer Alcuri was a member of Alabama Peace Officers Association, and a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church. He had served with Ozark Police Dept. 12 years.

Survivors include his wife: Patricia Ann Alcuri, Ozark; a daughter: Kristy Alcuri, Elba; a son: Timothy Ray Alcuri, Elba; his parents: Anthony and Nettie Alcuri, Reot; a sister: Mary Ann Batchelor, Reot; a brother: Anthony Alcuri Jr., New Brooklyn.

STEVE ALLEN
Mr. Steve Allen, 32, of Rt. 1, Elba, died Friday, Dec. 18, 1987, as the result of an automobile accident.

Funeral services were held Dec. 20 at 2 p.m. from Hebron Baptist Church, with Rev. Jimmy Eddins officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery with Jackson Bryan Funeral Home of Brundidge directing.

Survivors include his wife: Dretta Allen, Rt. 1, Elba; a son: Kevin Allen, Rt. 1, Elba; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Allen, Rt. 1, Brundidge; two sisters: Judy Ward, Rt. 1, Jack; Anita Green, Rt. 2, Troy; one brother: Ronnie Allen, Rt. 1, Jack.

LOUIE LEE
Mr. Louie Lee, age 73, of Rt. 1, Jack, died Sunday, Dec. 20, in a Southeast Alabama Medical Center, Dothan.

Funeral services were held Dec. 18 at 2 p.m. from the Greater New Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Elba, with Rev. W.L. Peterson, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery, with Coleman and Hammond Funeral Home, Elba, directing.

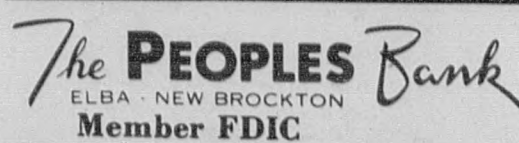
Survivors include her husband: Joe Hamp Thigpen, Elba; three daughters: Mrs. Sharlene Daniels, Miss Sharon Thigpen, both of Elba; and Mrs. JoAnn Dean, Laverne; one son: Joey Thigpen, Elba; two sons-in-law: Ruben Daniels, Elba; Walter Dean, Laverne; one sister: Mrs. Lurline Reynolds, Brooklyn, N.Y.; seven grandchildren, other relatives.

CHARLES N. WATKINS
Mr. Charles N. Watkins, age 46, of Prattville, died Dec. 2, 1987. Funeral services were held Dec. 5 from Hayes Funeral Home Chapel, with burial in Evergreen Cemetery, Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Martha Jo Parker Watkins, Prattville; his mother: Mrs. Ann Watkins, Montgomery; one son: Charles Nolan Watkins, Prattville; one daughter: Sherri Lane Collins, Florida; one brother: Bill Watkins, Prattville; one sister: Linda Bagwell, Homewood.



WELL, WELL, WELL, and HO HO HO... Santa did make it! And his little friends at Elba Elementary were tickled to see him and tell him all about what they wanted for Christmas. (L-R, seated: Dale Moore, Valerie Mitchell, Sheena Richards and Adam Suttley; (Standing, L-R): Karen Spruill, Katie Sedberry, Melissa Mulaz, Joli Hall and Jeffery Fuller.



ELBA - NEW BROCKTON Member FDIC



ELBALA BEAUTY CROWNED... The Elba annual staff sponsored its yearly campus beauty contest recently and named campus beauty for the 1987-88 school year was Alisha Parrish. Pictured are the top five finishers in the annual event (L-R): Sheila Nelson - 3rd runner-up; Melanie Moore - 1st runner-up; Alisha Parrish; Wendy Moulton - 2nd runner-up; and Whitney Wise - 4th runner-up. All top 20 finishers will be featured in the upcoming Elbala, the school's yearbook.

Zion Chapel 4-H

Boys Hold

December Meeting

We started the meeting with the President calling out Joe and Jonathan, our song leaders. Then the president called the devotional leader. He read out of the Bible, Proverbs 10:12. And then went over our pledges. Then we called the roll. We had twenty-nine on roll.

Then Joe and Jonathan gave out sheets on the cookie contest, Christmas Stockings, and Woodworking.

Then we watched a movie on Whitetail Deer. Then we handed out another worksheet on firearms. Then the meeting was adjourned the meeting next month.

Steve Hodge, Reporter
Zion Chapel 4-H Boys
Fourth Grade

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The Elba Little League Basketball roster has been released by the Elba Recreation Dept., and following are rosters and coaches:

HAWKS
Ronnie Vaughan, Coach
Che Vaughan

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Wesley Kelley
Todd Grantham
Zack Steele
Alan Robinson
Derrick Kyles
Scott Cochran
Kimbo Nicholson
David Nunn
Charles Bozeman
Trey Lawless

LAKERS
Harry Jacobs, Coach
Joe Jacobs
Vince Thigpen

Kevin Bryan
Richie Bedsole
Chris Kelley
Cory Driggers
Michael Johnson
Jason Davis
Jason Holley
Antonio Ordon
Chris Hudson

JOHN SILVA

NETS
John Siler, Coach
Dion Belcher
Joey Donaldson
Lance McCollough
Cassidy Carroll
Ernest Baker
Tim Tillis
Daniel Kidd
Josh Reeves
Todd Hooks
Russ Stielner

JAZZ
Van Johnson, Coach
Chris Parrish
Soon Barnes
Michael Grantham
Brett Bimbo
Scott Leiler
Demaris Barnes
Bobby Crawley
Rocky Beasley

Shander Daniels
Chad Adkinson
Jeffery Clark

The first game will be January 9, at 1 p.m., Jazz vs. Nets.
The Hawks and Lakers will play at 2 p.m. that day.

ZC 4th Grade 4-H Girls Meet Dec. 3

Eighteen members of the fourth grade Girls 4-H Club at Zion Chapel were very excited at our meeting on Thursday, December 3. We found out we won the Club of the Month banner! We hope to keep it!

Mrs. Hughes, our leader, let us show our Christmas stockings that we made. We also brought our cookies for the Cookie Contest.

Mrs. Hughes announced winners of the Photography Contest in

November. They were: first place - Amanda Carnley, second place - April Turner and third place - Celeste Richards.

Winners of the Cookie Contest were: first place - Amanda Williams, second place - Amy Jackson and third place - Adrienne Cotton.

AMANDA CARNLEY
Fourth Grade, Reporter

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Miss Hattaway - Mr. Parker United In Marriage

Miss Suzanne Hattaway and Mr. Gregory Parker were united in marriage in an impressive candle-light ceremony on Nov. 7, at seven o'clock in the evening in the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church in Opp.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert D. Hattaway. Her grandparents are Mrs. Myrtle Wallace and the late T.E. Wallace, and Mr. Leon Hattaway and the late Marilda Hattaway, all of Opp.

The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Gary Parker.

His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Parker and Mrs. Eunice Crawley and the late Willie Crawley, all of Elba.

The Rev. James Kilpatrick, pastor of the West Countyline Baptist Church, performed the impressive double ring ceremony before a large gathering of friends and family.

Miss Carmel Davis regaled the guests as they entered the sanctuary. Presenting wedding scrolls were Jonathan-Cotter, cousin of the bride, of Opp, and Christina Cook, Elba.

Jonathan was dressed in a black tuxedo with a white pleated shirt.

Christina wore a light pink dress accented with a dainty white collar. Both wore mauve alstroemeria lilies.

Family pews were marked with hurricane lamps containing an arrangement of alstroemeria lilies and white daisies, with bows of mauve ribbon at the base of the lamps.

The sanctuary was beautifully decorated with greenery and white candles against a background of three white arched lattices.

The center lattice had a curved arch with spiral candelabra encircling a massive arrangement of white gladiolus, mauve alstroemeria lilies, white daisies and mums. This was flanked with two more spiral candelabra.

Each side lattice had a seven-branch candelabra filled with jade palm greenery. Two large candelabras were placed on the floor on each side of the altar, each holding a large arrangement of gladiolus, mauve lilies and white mums.

The kneeling bench, which centered the altar, was decorated with a bouquet of matching flowers. A program of pre-nuptial music was provided by Mrs. Marie Collins, pianist, while Mr. Dennis Pope and Mr. Greg Bailey lit the candles, and as guests were being seated.

After seating of the mothers and grandmothers, Mrs. Jill Jones, friend of the bride, and Mike Cotter, cousin of the bride, sang "The Wedding Song." The traditional

"Bridal Chorus" from "Lohengrin" by Wagner was played by Mrs. Robin Pierce, organist, as the wedding party entered the sanctuary.

The bells chimed the seven o'clock hour and the bride and her father entered the sanctuary as the organist again played the "Bridal Chorus." After the bride's entry, Mike and Jill sang "To Me" by Lee Greenwood and Barbara Mandrell.

As the bride and groom knelt for the benediction, Jill sang "In This Very Room" by Ron and Carol Harris.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was lovely in a formal gown of white peau-ganza satin with French puffed sleeves trimmed with silk Venise lace and drop pearls.

The fitted bodice was completely overlaid with embroidered blossoms and a basque waistline with drop pearls.

The front of the skirt was adorned with two embroidered blossoms and silk Venise lace which edged the deep ruffles of the cathedral length train. The back of the gown featured small white satin buttons, embroidered blossoms and drop pearls.

Her veil cascaded from a halo of pearls and iridescent. The scalloped edge of the veil was accented with tiny pearls. A strand of pearls and matching earrings, gifts from the groom, helped to complete her ensemble.

She carried a large cascading bouquet of white roses, white bouvardia, baby's breath, springer fern and niphys leaves, with streamers of light ribbon flowing from the bouquet, which rested on a bridal Bible, given to her by her grandmother.

Mrs. Pam Smith of Pensacola, Fla., and Mrs. Teri Parker, Kinston, served as maid of honor.

Bridesmaids were Mrs. Stephanie Willis, Panama City Beach, Fla., cousin of the bride; Mrs. Tobi, Pensacola, Fla.; Mrs. Sonya Hattaway, sister-in-law of the bride; Mrs. Vickie Bailey, Elba, and Miss Joy Caver, Opp.

The attendants wore matching gowns of aqua blue taffeta with a sweetheart neckline and large double French puffed sleeves accented with pearls.

The fitted bodice which was adorned with pearls plunged to a full flowing skirt with a deep ruffle. The back of the dress was accented with a large bow at the waist. They each wore a strand of pearls and satin aqua shoes.

The bridesmaids' bouquets were of cascading white roses, lily of the valley, daisies, fuschia mums, aqua carnations with streamers of lace mauve and aqua ribbon.

Miss Brandi Hattaway, niece of the bride, served as flower girl. Her gown of matching aqua blue was fashioned similar to the bridesmaids' dresses.

The full skirt was edged with two rows of ruffles that gathered up in the back to form a bustle. A headpiece of mauve and aqua flowers and baby's breath, entwined with aqua ribbon, completed her ensemble.

She also wore a strand of pearls which was given to her by the bride. She carried a matching bouquet fashioned after the bride's bouquet.

The groom wore a black satin tuxedo with a white pintucked, pleated shirt and wing-tipped collar, black bow tie and cummerbund. He wore a white rose boutonniere.

Jimmy Cook and Ken Owens, both of Elba, served as best men. Groomsmen were Ricky Hattaway, Opp, brother of the bride; Wayne Parker, brother of the groom; Greg Bailey, Jacksonville, and Dennis Pope, all of Elba.

Master Jimbo Cook, Elba, was ringbearer. He carried a cross-stitched pillow which was a hand-made gift from the bride's mother. The groomsmen, both fathers and ringbearer were dressed identical to the groom, and each wore a boutonniere of a mauve alstroemeria lily.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Hattaway wore a formal gown of light mauve pink which was accented on the shoulder with a sequin motif and free flowing drapes which fell down the front and back of the dress.

Mother of the groom, Mrs. Parker, wore a formal gown of blue georgette crepe featuring a sequined neckline and cummerbund. She also wore a strand of rhinestones and matching earrings.

Corsages of mauve alstroemeria lilies completed the ensemble. Mrs. Hattaway, grandmother of the bride, wore a street-length dress of deep aqua with a sequined neckline.

Mrs. Parker, grandmother of the groom, wore a street-length dress of mauve pink with a white lace collar. Her corsages were of cymbidium orchids.

Mrs. Mary Charles Wyatt and Mrs. Patsy Cotter, aunt of the bride, directed the wedding.

Immediately following the ceremony, a reception was held in the fellowship hall of the church.

Mrs. Tammy Schultz presided at the bride's book which rested on the table, covered with a white floor-length cloth and overlaid with white daisies.

imported Venise lace. A five-branch candelabra holding mauve tapered candles with ivy and mauve alstroemeria lilies accented the registry.

Mrs. Dennie Thrasher, cousin of the bride, directed guests to the bride's cake. While waiting to be served, guests could view a memento table which held two cross-stitched wedding samplers on gold easels given the bride by her aunt and mother. The ring pillow was also placed on this table.

The table was overlaid with a champagne organza-and-lace cloth with large satin bows gathering the corners. On a brass easel near the bride's table, was a large bridal portrait.

The bride's cake rested on a round table covered with a mauve cloth and an overlay of white organza lace. The cake was centered under a white lattice gazebo with ivy entwined in the top. Large satin bows were placed at intervals around the table.

The Lady Windmire cake was embossed in white spun sugar, and featured white columns and cupids framing a handmade orchid of spun sugar. The top layer held a porcelain bride and groom and the bottom layer consisted of three matching cakes.

Mrs. Patsy Cotter and Mrs. Lois McInnis, both aunts of the bride, served the cake. The buffet table was covered with a champagne cloth and overlaid with organza and lace, draped back with satin bows. A Grecian urn held an arrangement of white gladiolus, spider lilies, white daisy mums and baby's breath.

Silver platters held ham and cheese salads, chicken salad sandwiches, cheese straws, crockpot weiners, minis and silver coffee service. Mrs. Sherry Norris, Mrs. David Norris, and Stacie Schofield served the guests.

The groom's table was covered with a brown cloth and overlaid with a beige cutwork cloth. The two-tiered square chocolate groom's cake was embossed in chocolate icing.

After a trip to Calloway Gardens the couple now resides in Elba.

The tiers of the cake were separated by brass swans with a cascade of grape and greenery around the base. The top layer held a brass trinket box filled with grapes.

A five-branch brass candelabra surrounded by greenery and mixed fruit was the focal point of the table. The food consisted of cheese balls, crackers and cheese balls, and a fresh watermelon basket filled with melon balls and dip.

Mrs. Judy Watson, aunt of the groom, Mrs. Debbie McCollough, cousin of the groom, and Ms. Shannon Elliott, friend, presided over the groom's table.

The crystal punch bowl, filled with refreshing punch, was encircled with ivy and grapes. An arrangement of gladiolus, spider lilies and daisy mums was the focal point of this table.

The buffet and were directed into the dining area which was beautifully decorated with mauve ribbon draped the center of each table. A three-piece candle arrangement of white candles accented the head table.

The menu consisted of a seven-layer salad, stuffed tomatoes of chicken salad, macaroni salad, lime and grape congealed salad, strawberry pie and tea.

Hostesses for this occasion were Mrs. Verlon Cotter, Mrs. Gene Wallace, Mrs. Roland Johnson, Mrs. Walter Spears, Mrs. Joel Hughes and Mrs. James Kilpatrick.

Mrs. Hattaway presented her attendants and musicians with gifts. She was presented a globed mauve candle by the hostesses.

After Rehearsal Dinner Mr. and Mrs. Gary Parker of Elba hosted an after-rehearsal dinner in honor of their son Gregory and his bride-to-be Miss Suzanne Hattaway.

The dinner was held in the fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church on Nov. 6. The meal consisted of barbecue, rice, bread, cole slaw, tea, lemon cheese cake, chocolate cake and potato pie.

After the meal Greg presented his attendants with gifts.

Guests served themselves from the buffet and were directed into the dining area which was beautifully decorated with mauve ribbon draped the center of each table. A three-piece candle arrangement of white candles accented the head table.

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Dear Santa....

By: LAVONIA JOHNSON
Hey, Santa - Send me a body like "Schwarzenegger," the skill to jam like "Jordan," and a stereo that will rock ZC off the planet. Signed - Your Home Boy, Pete Bryan #11

Dear Santa - What I want for Christmas is money - a real life Alf (no problem), and a wardrobe of clothes made to fit me, so my mother will stop wearing my clothes. Thanks, Lavonia Johnson

Dear Santa - Hey dude! What's up? Well, I would like to have the best Christmas ever. I want you to help me by getting me what I want, and that's a Buick Somerset. Oh! Do you have a good-looking daughter? Z.C.'s Willett Dude - Don Rhodes #28

Dear Santa - The thing I want most for Christmas is a 1987 black Camaro. If you can't get it down the chimney, just leave it parked in the driveway. Thanks, Wayne Davis

Dear Santa - What's up? Send me the stuff I've been asking for the past 16 years and have never gotten. Thanks, Thomas "Box" Boswell #24

Dear Santa - Most people have misinterpreted the purpose of Christmas by wishing for worldly things. However, I happen to be one who considers Christ first. The main accomplishment I'm looking forward to is being alive. Now as for gifts, that's immaterial to me. Your friend, Tracy Pearson

Dear Santa - For Christmas I would like some money, a stereo, clothes, and a trip to Chicago to visit my parents. Teresa Holland

Dear Santa - What I want for Christmas is to spend Christmas vacation with my boyfriend Brian McLeod. Jackie Parrish

Dear Santa - I want a stereo, lots of money, and to be able to spend the entire Christmas vacation with Michael Flowers. Love, Camille Marler

Hey Santa - I've really been good this year. I want a stereo with two 5-ft. towering speakers, with woofers made of steel, a CD player and a 25-band equalizer. Scottie Lee - P.S. - and a Chevrolet!!!

Dear Santa - Hello again! Well, you know what time it is. Send me some surprises! But what I really want is a million dollars and a silver limousine! If you can't fill this request just expect the same letter next year. Lee LaRue Kelley

Dear Santa - I would like to have a nice Christmas and spend it with my family. I would also like to have a keyboard plus \$300 and some new clothes. I would also like to realize the true meaning of Christmas, that Jesus Christ was born. Thank you and have a Merry Christmas. Love, Wanda Barnhill

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"A Christmas To Remember" Is In Concert

By: Osa Lee Bundy
"A Christmas to Remember" was the theme for the Zion Chapel Music Dept.'s Christmas concert on Dec. 15.

The concert began with the Zion Chapel Chorus singing "Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow!" Mrs. Opal Stinson then presented a poem for the chorus that read:

Thanks to the singing group - Zion Chapel team -
For giving life to special hope
And dreaming higher dream.

To reach "beyond the rest"
To strive for "something more,"
To bring to better goals
Than have been reached before.

Thanks for the blend of melody
For harmonizing voice,
For rhythm, rhyme and melody
To make the heart rejoice.

Thanks for entertainment,
For music to the ear,
For spreading gladness, charm and joy
And sounding forth good cheer!

After the poem the Zion Chapel Intermediate Band, played, "The First Noel" and "A Holly Jolly Christmas." The chorus closed out their part of the concert with "Silent Night" sung a cappella, then "An

Any Grant Christmas."

The concert closed with the Concert Band playing "I'll Be Home for Christmas," "Winter Wonderland," "The Twelve Days of Christmas," "Santa Claus is Comin' to Town," "Sleigh Ride," "White Christmas," and "Merry Christmas or Bust!"

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Zion Chapel Chorus Performs At Churches

By: WAYNE DAVIS

Zion Chapel's chorus got into the true spirit of Christmas on Dec. 13 by singing at two local churches. They sang in the morning services at Zion Baptist Church and in the evening services at Hebron Baptist Church.

The songs they performed were an acappella version of "Silent Night" and "An Amy Grant Christmas."

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SPORTS NOTES

BASKETBALL Z.C. vs. New Brockton B-team

By: TODD RUGG

The Zion Chapel B-Team Rebels were defeated last Friday night, 31-65 by the New Brockton Gamecocks. The Rebels and Gamecocks hung with each other the first half with both defenses holding the score to 8-5, Zion Chapel, in the first period. In the second quarter both teams rallied to run up the score but neither team could gain a big lead on each other, and at the half-time buzzer it was 32-20, New Brockton.

In the second half the Gamecocks exploded, scoring 36 points, while the Rebels could not seem to get anything rolling because of New Brockton's momentum. The Rebs began rolling late in the fourth quarter only to see New Brockton hold on for the win, 65-31.

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When told her age once, she said, "Oh, I never thought I'd live to be this old. I don't know why the Lord has left me here so long - but I guess He has a purpose!"

Miss Ethel is a charming, alert and gracious lady, a joy to know and be around.

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Mr. Farris was a farmer and sold sewing machines all over the county. Miss Ethel was fortunate in being one of a large family. She had five sisters and three brothers, and is the second oldest child. Her sisters are Sara Rainer, Albany, Ga., and Zelma Alford, Brandon, Fla.

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Miss Ethel's father built the main part of the old Farris homestead and brought his wife there as a bride, where all nine of their children were born. The old Farris home is a large, well-cared-for imposing white structure on Claxton Ave. across the street from the Dairy Queen. It is one of the oldest homes in Elba, being built 104 years ago.

Aunt Eppa has countless numbers of nieces and nephews, several of them living in Elba. She started to school at age 7 in Elba and finished high school here.

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At a very early age Mr. Smith, along with his brothers and sisters and parents, moved from Opelika and settled near Pine Level.

He and a brother, Claude, owned and operated Smith Bros. General Merchandise Store on Plant Ave., which is still standing. For a while it was the home of the Elba Little

Theatre and then was used by the Elba United Methodist Church as a coffeehouse for the young people of the church.

When Mr. Smith went out of business and sold the store in January of 1965, it had the distinction of being the oldest store in Elba.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith had no children of their own, but claimed all their nieces and nephews. They celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in October of 1963, at the Farris home place, where a sister, Miss Eunora Farris, lived.

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once of her sister that she was one of the jolly ones of the family. "Some of our friends accused my sisters and me of making her the 'pet' of the family."

And she is truly a "pet," as everyone who already knows her will agree, and you will too if you will stop in and meet her and chat with her and all the other wonderful folks at the nursing home today.

Thought for the Week: I think I've used the following thought for several Christmases, but I feel that it is timeless, so bear with me yet again...

ONE SOLITARY LIFE

Here is a young man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman.

He grew up in another village. He worked in a carpenter shop until he was 30, and then for three years he was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book, He never held an office, He never owned a home, He never had a family.

He never went to college, He never put his foot inside a big city, He never traveled 200 miles from the place where He was born. He never

did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but Himself.

While He was still a young man, the tide of public opinion turned against Him. His friends ran away, He was turned over to His enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial, He was nailed to the cross between two thieves. While He was dying, His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth, and that was His coat.

When He was dead, He was laid in a borrowed tomb through the pity of a friend. Nineteen centuries wide have come and gone and today He is the central figure of the human race and the Leader of the column of progress.

All the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever sailed, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as has that ONE SOLITARY LIFE.

Anonymous (copied)

Merry Christmas to all in the truest meaning of Christmas!

We Call'em Mama's Christmas Miracles

By: MRS. FAYE BROWN
(In honor of my mother, Mrs. Pearl Porter, Northport, Ala.)

One Man Depression seemed determined to squeeze Christmas right off Mama's calendar in 1933. The loss of two jobs by my dad within the year had been financially disastrous for them.

On Christmas Eve Mama went to the Five and Ten with her skimpy sewing earnings, their last hedge against poverty. While choosing a few small items for those dear she spied a little waif and his two tiny sisters. They were only wistful observers amid the happy shoppers.

Drawn to the yearning children, Mama soon knew that their father too was out of work and their mother could sew. They left clutching with unbelief the gifts of shirt and dress fabric, china dolls, and spinning top. Their laughing, green eyes, crystallized Mama's goals. Then and there she resolved to make like-miracles happen - not just at Christmas-time, but for the rest of her life.

Hard times passed for some; for us they hung on forever, giving Mama lots of practice with the miracle-making. Reduced to the red hilly soil of tenant farming we were left with little more than her faith in God and creativeness for Christmas joy. Many of our neighbors, in like situations, skipped the observance altogether. No so our house.

Mama's Christmas dreams began taking shape ere summer ended. The best parts of a friend's ragged suit secretly became Santa's gift for son, the wished-for Eisenhower jacket. Scrap cotton brought just enough to order the plaid wool from the catalogue. It was then masterfully transformed during school hours into a stylish overcoat to surprise her teenage daughter.

The dolls which disappeared in late November were not seen again till Christmas morn. They then looked like new in fashions of the day, and some even had fresh parts - like tummies, legs, or arms.

Stuffed dolls and dogs were crafted for small boys. And, always, Mama made some extras for the poor.

Lacking money for even trinkets from the store she helped each child to plan, then make, something for the others - and for their many friends and teachers too. With nine busy sibling-elves it was tough finding private workshops in a 4-room house. Thus it came to be that one year Mama supervised my completion of brother's stuffed squirrel in the distant cold corner.

When the fire on Christmas Eve was only embers, the clean but ragged stockings were tucked to mangle's shelf. When the last child had camouflaged their sleep Daddy slipped to the neighbor's for the fruit he's bought in town that day. The Mason jars from out the trunk yielded up their well-kept secrets of home-made fudge, caramels, and taffy - to carefully be wrapped around in waxed paper from a roll. Then Mama laid out the miracles, or placed them in the socks, and went - exhausted, fulfilled, to her bed. Soon Dad gave answer to the first child's call. By 3 a.m. he made the fire. And seeing all the joy and wondrous love for everything she'd fashioned there, he lost the sadness that he'd felt because he was too poor to buy.

Always the Christmas meal - the rooster and the dressing, the yams, the homemade rolls, the cakes - were shared with others in our neighborhood who then were sick or old or

destitute. The tree, with all its miracle of decorations made from popcorn strings and silvery tins cut from Dad's tobacco cans, mirrored the joy within our hearts and was the envy of our friends.

When Mama talks of Christmas now the twinkle in her eye belies her almost 80 years. It speaks instead of youth. And miracles. Of how she sews and shops all year and yet when dawn the 24th she'll think of yet another gift to make: a neighbor down the street who's lonely now or someone in the nursing home of whom she's heard. The little boy who lives nearby with handicap and oft seems shy and is left out - he'll sure be asked to join her cookie-baking time.

She frets not of the cost nor of the paltry little check on which she lives. Anticipation of the great-grand's eyes when the fur koala bear he gets is all the compensation she seeks as now she sews with twisted pain-filled hands the last of beady eyes. And the undershirt wrapped up, the size 66 for that teasing son-in-law

that'll fix him good and light her face as well.

The falling stovepipe with soot left in its wake failed years ago to quench Mama's festive spirit on Christmas morn. If anything, the laughter from it all increased her joy.

The mess and aggravation of 50 offspring gathered in her tiny place on Christmas Eve now does the same. And when each their miracle has unwrapped and the last goodbye is said - she goes again to her bed, exhausted, fulfilled. And drifts off - dreaming - planning for Mama's Christmas Miracles come next year.

... A virtuous woman's price is far above rubies. She worketh willingly with her hands. She stretcheth out her hand to the poor. She looketh well to the ways of her household. Her children arise and call her blessed, her husband also. Let her own works praise her."

from Proverbs 31
Faye Brown's book, "Put Likker, Pulley Bones and Pea Vine Hay," is now available at THE ELBA CLIPPER.

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"And, lo, the Star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. When they saw the Star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy." So today, let the peace and joy of Christmas shine throughout our daily lives, bestowing the blessings of the season upon one and all. In the glad tradition of this most beloved holiday, we join in the wonder and rejoicing, and say a heartfelt "Merry Christmas" to our many good friends.

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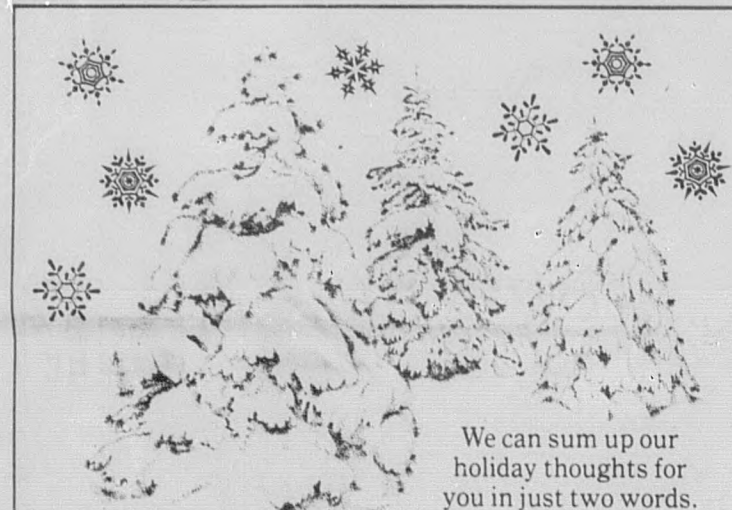
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DEAR SANTA,

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie and the ice cream, popples, a computer, and a keyboard.
I Love You,
APRIL GRISSETT

Dear Santa,
I want 2 computers, Barbie ice cream set, Barbie and the Rocker, a pepsi set and an ice set.
I Love You,
ALISHA WALKER

Dear Santa,
I want a trampoline, popples, a computer, and a ring.
I Love You,
MICHEL MCINTOSH

Dear Santa,
I want a keyboard, some drums, a computer to make newspapers, a metropolis, another bike, a bow with 13 arrows.
I Love You Santa Claus,
MATT DUNN

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie doll, Barbie and ice cream set, Barbie and the Rocker, a keeper and a cabbage patch that can take a bath with you-it also has a sun visor.
I Love You,
CARISSA WALKER

Dear Santa,
I want a Popples, a trampoline, a Barbie set and a new-born.
I Love You,
KENDRA WARD

Dear Santa,
I want a toy gun and a He-Man.
I Love You,
LOREN WILLIAMS

Dear Santa,
I want a karate set and a sword.
I Love You,
JOSH FAIRCLOTH

Dear Santa,
I want some transformers, four wheeler, fire works, and a bow and arrow.
I Love You,
CHAN GRANTHAM

Dear Santa,
I want a G.I. Joe, transformers, a bicycle, a microphone, stereo, radio, and a toy machine gun.
I Love You,
JEREMY BRAY

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bicycle, remote control car, transformer and a G.I. Joe.
I Love You,
RYAN SMITH

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control dune buggy, four wheeler and a transformer.
I Love You,
BO ADKISON

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a bike, robot, a scooter and lots of surprises.
I Love You,
DERRICK DUNCAN

Dear Santa,
I want some sun glasses, G.I. Joe, Rambo, He-Man, transformers and a Hulk.
I Love You,
JAMES ROWAND

Dear Santa,
I want a pair of sun glasses, go-cart and a transformer.
I Love You,
TIM FINGER

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Teddy Run, a bicycle, a set of playdoh, a new pair of shoes, for my sister I want a Teddy Bear, for my brother, My Buddy.
I Love You,
CHASTITY WEED

Dear Santa,
I want a talking Mickey Mouse, Talking Cabbage Patch, Snow White.
I Love You,
AMANDA DEESE

Dear Santa,
I want a four wheeler, a train, football popples, a sleigh with a toy Santa Claus, a fire truck.
I Love You,
RYAN LEVERETT

Dear Santa,
I want a Teddy Ruxpin, a bicycle, a Barbie doll Rockers, a cabbage patch, a baby doll, Cricket.
I Love You,
PAMELA SANDERS

Dear Santa,
I want a Santa Claus suit, some new clothes, a picture of Santa Claus, a frog, an alligator, Crocodile Dundee suit.
I Love You,
WES KILLINGSWORTH

Dear Santa,
I want a little car and a motorcycle.
I Love You,
DEREK VANCE

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, a Barbie doll house, a ball, a tent, some new shoes.
I Love You,
BONNIE MCRAINE

Dear Santa,
I want a looy Cabbage Patch Kid, some clothes, a pop-ups.
I Love You,
CINDY SMITH

Dear Santa,
I want a race car track, a jason suit, a set of He-Men, a jogging suit and a bow and arrow.
I Love You,
SKYLAR BOSWELL

Dear Santa,
I want a Teddy Ruxpin, a Barbie doll set, Amazing Baby Heathers, a stocking full of toys, dolls that move around, race cars, train track, a small drum, a toy piano, a flute, a playhouse, a marching band, a army set, a ball, a toy gun, a pogo ball.
I Love You,
CHRISTY CHILDS

Dear Santa,
I want a Teddy Ruxpin, Barbies in the Rockers, Barbie clothes, Barbie car, a Cricket doll, a My Sister and Me, a Cabbage Patch, a Cabbage Patch with sun visor.
I Love You,
MELISSA MCLENDON

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me a Alf doll, and lots of toys. I have been very good.
I Love You,
TABATHA

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me a bike, Alf doll, and lots of toys. I have been very good.
I Love You,
JUNIOR

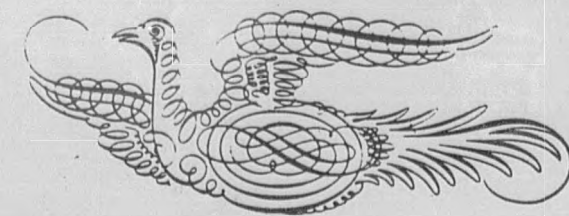
Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me a bike, Alf, and toys. I have been very good.
I Love You,
SHARON DOWNING

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me a bike, Alf, and lots of toys.
I Love You,
SHAUNNA

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me a basketball, toys. I have been very good.
I Love You,
ANTHONY

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me a Barbie pool and icecream shop. And a skateboard. Then I want a snoopy tent. A sleeping bag a tropical tent. A scooter. A king sized water bed. A chubbe and a talking alf. A trampoline, and a splash in fun Cabbage patch doll. And a talking Cabbage patch doll. And \$500.00 dollars.
Sincerely yours,
AMANDA WILLIAMS

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me a bike, Alf doll and lots of love toys. I have been very good.
I Love You,
ANGIE



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May this holy season of Christmas,
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DEAR SANTA,

Dear Santa,
I want a 10 speed purple and pink bike with pink wheels. I want a Barbie pool and icecream shop. And a skateboard. Then I want a snoopy tent. A sleeping bag a tropical tent. A scooter. A king sized water bed. A chubbe and a talking alf. A trampoline, and a splash in fun Cabbage patch doll. And a talking Cabbage patch doll. And \$500.00 dollars.
Sincerely yours,
AMANDA WILLIAMS

Dear Santa,
I want a ten speed bike, new clothes, lots of stuffed animals, a computer, a type writer, a radio. I've been a good girl. One more thing I want to watch with the date on it too. How are you and Mrs. Santa doing at the Northpole. I'm fine.
P.S. Fill my stocking with lots of candy. Write back soon.
Sincerely,
SUSAN MCRAINE

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I would like a set of drums. I would like a doll. I would like a water bed. I want a bike with pink wheels. I want a black horse named Play Boy.
Sincerely,
April Turner

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a talking wizes kine computer. I would like a Shouder, and dolltroller and a baby doll, and tapanel, a tray that you eat off of, sales.
Sincerely,
ADRIANNE COTTON

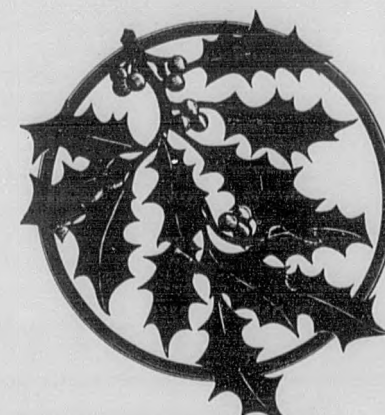
Dear Santa,
I would like you to get me a radio and tops. Then I want a watch. then I want a keyboard.
From,
SHANE BRAGG

Dear Santa,
I want a keyboard, weight set, and a new motorcycle. I've been a good little boy. I just turned ten. Oh yesh I want a dartboard, alarmclock, and a quartz watch. I want a vcr and a big screen T.V. How are things going where you are? I want a big train set and a remote control airplane.
Sincerely,
SHANE FARRISH

Dear Santa,
I like to get a computer and a cute shawwal puppy. I wish I could get out of school, well is Rudolph going to lead your sleigh on Christmas.
Happy Christmas
Your Friend,
BEVERLY SIMMONS

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a wordrobe, a gold necklace, a gold bracelet, and I hope you have a Merry Christmas.
I Love You,
SUZY BRYAN

Dear Santa,
I would like you to bring me a computer, casio keyboard and it's stand a Garfield phone, some pretty close, a blue jean purse. I love you.
I Love You,
PAM JOHNSON



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Dear Santa,
I want alot of things. I want a blue jean skirt, and a blue jean bow for my hair. I want a mo-pad but if you can't get it on your sleigh that is ok. I want a gold chain. And a lot more.
I Love You,
CINDY

Dear Santa,
Please bring me 3 wheller, walking barbie doll.
I Love You,
JESSICA

Dear Santa,
I want a truck and a remote control car and my brother to be well.
I Love You,
TOMMY LEE

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bike, barbie ice cream shop, pool.
I Love You,
BOINNE ELLIS

Dear Santa,
Please bring me 1. guitar, 2. telephone, 3. keyboard.
I Love You,
VICKIE LEE ARDIS

Dear Santa,
Please bring me 1. computer, 2. goar.
I Love You,
DURANEL FLOWERS

Dear Santa,
Please bring me 1. barbie ice cream shop, 2. key board, 3. skate board.
I Love You,
CARMEN SHEREE' ZIGLAR

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a jeep, guitar.
I Love You,
AMY

Dear Santa,
Please bring me 1. computere, 2. ice cream shop.
I Love You,
TOMEKA

Dear Santa,
My name is Anthony. I am in kindergarten. I would like a four wheeler for Christmas. I would also like a football and some football clothes. I love you Santa. I hope you remember my sister Veronica and my brother Matthew.
Thank You,
ANTHONY T. RISER

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a go car, 4-wheeler, bike.
I Love You,
JIMMY

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Octomous-Prime, Megatron, tent, and a sleeping bag, and lots of surprises. Santa my mama said, "I have been a pretty good boy. I love you, Santa."
I Love You,
ALAN BUNDY

Dear Santa,
I was been real sweet this year. I want a 4-wheeler, a Teddy Ruxpin, a doll of Barbie dolls and a pool for them, a piano, a play house and lots of surprises.
Then you, Merry Christmas.
I Love You,
RENAE DISMUKES

Dear Santa,
Please bring me 1. key board, 2. skates.
I Love You,
STACEY

Dear Santa,
Please bring me 1. toys, 2. bike.
I Love You,
MELISSA RENA BOYD

Dear Santa,
Please bring bike.
I Love You,
CRYSTAL BOYD

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie doll, Ken doll, Rockers doll car and bike.
I Love You,
ALEXIS BELL

Dear Santa,
Please bring me 1. toys, 2. disney castle, 3. G.I. Joe Boat.
I Love You,
JASON

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? I hope they're doing very good this year. This year I want a G.I. Joe Shuttle Complex, G.I. Joe men, a Disney Castle, Pete's Dragon tape, socks, and Mickey Mouse clothes.
I have been very good this year and I hope you bring me what's on this letter.

I'm in the Christmas Play at Church. I hope you see me being good from your North Pole.
Thank You,
JUSTIN LAW

Dear Santa,
My name is Heather. And I would like a baby doll, and a bicycle, and a Teddy Ruxpin. And a Merry Christmas to you.
Thank You,
HEATHER FAULK

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Teddy Roxan.
I Love You,
WENDY

Dear Santa,
Please bring me 1. computer.
I Love You,
LASHELL

Mrs. Taylor's Kindergarten

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a teddy ruxpin bear and all of his friends. I also want a pound puppy and a pound pig. I want a race track and a stocking full of stuff. And I think that is all.
I Love You,
AMANDA BRYANT

Dear Santa,
I want a four-wheeler, and some surprises. I have been good an so has Angie.
I Love You,
DAPHNE JINRIGHT

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a go-cart and a dump truck. Merry Christmas!
I Love You,
CHRIS BOSWELL

Dear Santa,
I want a baby doll if you will bring it to me. And I want a blue jean jacket and high-top Reboxs and a ring.
I Love You,
SHEENA WILKINSON

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a "Feel Like a Real Baby" that is bald, a piano or keyboard, a pretend vacuum cleaner, jewelry and a jewelry box, a doll house with a little doll, a little car to drive to my playhouse, and some surprises.
I Love You,
MORGAN

Dear Santa,
Hi! How are you? Please bring me an Alf doll, a Mickey Mouse bread maker, a Speak & Math and clothes.
I Love You,
AMY COLLINS

Dear Santa,
I can't wait Christmas I would like a Barbie House, a Flashlight, a new Barbie doll, a Funwich Factory, a bike, a play kitchen and one shirt. I want a white teddy. I like teddy bears. I want a new pair of white hi-top tennis shoes like my sisters, a new Cabbage Patch doll and a cowboy outfit with guns.
I Love You,
CHRISTINA LYNN SHUMAN

Dear Santa,
I want a baby talk and a whiz kid, I want a yellow sweater and a pink skirt. I want a new set of markers and a real ring with a silver band and a little diamond.
I Love You Santa Claus,
TARA GRANT

Dear Santa Claus,
I love you. What I want for Christmas is a pink bow for my hair and a baby doll and a princess baby doll, and some new shoes and a teddy bear and a by mouse and a balloon that floats on a string.
I have been good this year. Please bring as many things as you can. Santa Claus you are the best in the whole wide world. When you bring my toys I will leave you a picture in my stocking for you to keep forever.
Thank You,
SABRINA ALLEN

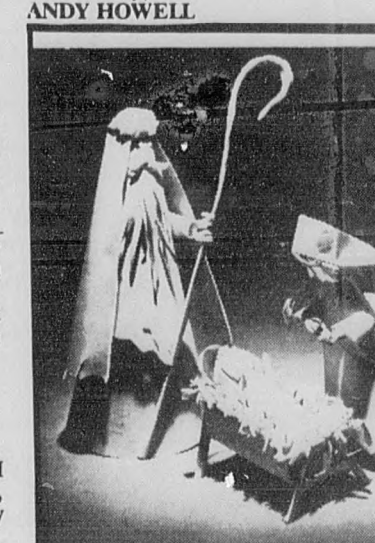
Dear Santa,
I want a trampoline, a Teddy Ruxpin and a computer.
I Love You,
NICOLE SAWYER

Dear Santa,
I want some glasses, an Alf doll, baby with a baby carriage, a baby that talks, a rocking chair, and some records to go to my Big Bird, a teaset, a doll down like my sister's, and a tablet to write my numbers in and some bells.
I Love You,
MELANIE MCLENDON

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a popples and a photoalbum and a radio. I have been very good this year.
I Love You,
JESSICA KELLEY

Dear Santa,
What I would like for Christmas is a Barbie doll, a new pair of boots, and a doll house. I would like for my brother to get a new toy clown and some new clothes.
Thank You,
KAYLA EDDINS

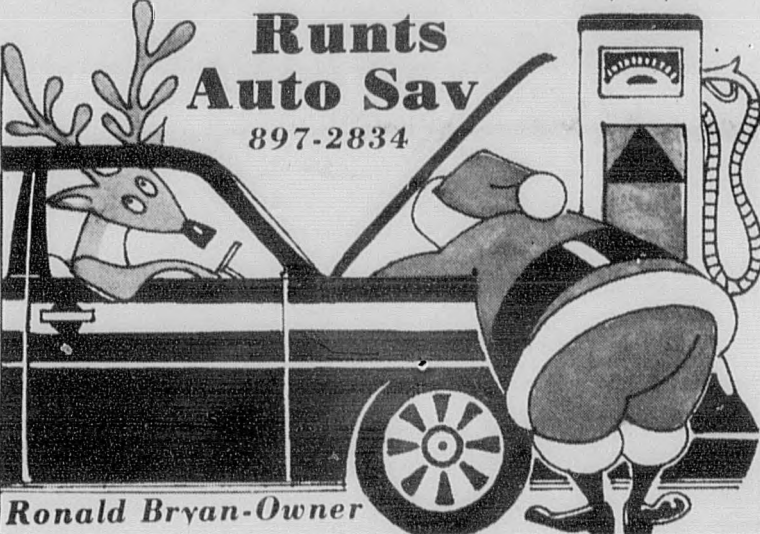
Dear Santa,
I was good this year. How are the little elves. I would like for you to bring me a toy radio, a race car set, and some crash up cars and lots of surprises.
Yours Truly,
ANDY HOWELL



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DEAR SANTA,

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? When you come to my house I would like for you to leave me a Barbie doll, popples, watch, radio and a talking Alf, and Big Bird. I will leave you cookies, a drink and a little bit of potato chips on the heater.
P.S. Tell Rudolf and the other reindeer I said hi, and you'll be careful. Have a safe and Merry Christmas.
Merry Christmas From,
REBECCA WARD

Dear Santa,
I want a machine gun. How is Rudolf?
Love,
DeWAYNE DAVIS

Dear Santa Claus,
I hope everybody has been sweet. I want a 4-wheeler and a Teddy Ruxpin. I have been good. I will put you some cookies on the table.
I love you and Rudolf.
Love,
DERRICK FAULK

Dear Santa,
I want 2 pair blue jeans, 1 doll, and a dress.
Love,
KRISTIN BURKS

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Dear Santa,
I want a stuffed unicorn, a pig house, a Barbie Doll, and Alf doll and a cat. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
I Love You,
JENNIFER LEE

Dear Santa,
I want a radio, a pogo ball, a Captain Power game set, a fish, a V.C.R., and a Lucky Dog. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Love,
PAUL HUSSEY

Dear Santa,
I want a saddle, a pogo ball, a Barbie doll, and a lot of surprise. I want a bike, a doll, ten pound puppies and a Barbie doll house.
Love,
KRISTIE HENLEY

Dear Santa,
I want a computer and a cliff hanger and the remote control corvette.
Your Friend,
P.S. I will leave you a snack.
MARK A. BEASLEY

Dear Santa,
I want some walkey-talkies for Christmas and a trampoline, horse, go-cart and a B.B. gun with B.B.'s. I will leave you some cookies.
Your Friend,
RODNEY FLOWERS

Dear Santa,
I want a m-16 gun and a B+B pistol and a scope. I want some clothes, shoes and some surprises.
Your Friend,
ASHLEY THOMAS

Dear Santa,
I want some G.I. Joe and I want some Jogging pants and a scooter.
Your Friend,
ANDREA FLOWERS

Dear Santa,
I want a remote corvette and a computer.
Your Friend,
JULIE H. CARTER

Dear Santa,
I want a truck that has Master-R-Cruiser and a Alf Bear that talks and some building blocks and a pink telephone and an Art Box that has 20 pieces to it.
Your Friend,
HANNA MARIE WHITT

Dear Santa,
I want a boy rocker doll and a girl rocker doll. I want some clothes, a pair of red shoes and a bunch of surprises. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
From,
STEPHANIE WILLIAMS

Dear Santa,
I wish I could have a tent, New Barnaby, TV, a little basketball set, Yaze game, and Wheel of Fortune. I will leave you some cookies and a drink. I've got to go. By.
Love,
BRIDGET MONEY

Dear St. Nick,
I hope I have been very good because I want lots of surprises and a TV or Microscope. There be cookies and milk waiting.
Love,
ANGIE JINRIGHT

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a Pelet BB Gun pump, also an old time 45 mode car, a pin knife, a remote control T.V., Radio, and Cassette player, and last I want a remote control cat bull dozer.
Thanks,
BRIAN J. SULLIVAN

Dear Saint Nick,
I want some clothes, shoes, and a game. I want a T.V. and a crash and bash game, and a watch too.
Love,
JAMES RYAN FAIRCLOTH

Dear Santa,
I want a new baby swing for my baby, a computer, a calculator, and some clothes and shoes. We will leave you some cookies and milk.
Your Friend,
MELANIE CAPE

Dear Santa,
I want 2 dolls for Christmas. And I want a little doll house, and a Dictionary and books. I will leave you cookies and milk.
I Love You,
Your Friend,
HEATHER VAUGHAN

Dear Santa,
I want a stuffed Alf doll and lots of Barbie dolls and some other surprises.
I Love You Santa,
Love,
AMBER SHIVER

Dear Santa,
I want a 22 rifle, a 410 shotgun, 3 packs of slugs, a robot, a fishing and a cat. I will leave you a racing car and a racing track.
Love,
SHAYNE ALLEN

Dear Santa,
I want a football, a kickball, a bicycle, and some toys and candy in my stocking.
From,
BRANDON SMITH

Dear Santa,
I love you. I would like to have a Baby doll, a Baby doll set, a make-up mirror, a walkie-talkie set, and some clothes. I would like a front door for my Mother. I've been really good this year. I love you Santa.
Love,
WYNDI RUGG

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control 57 Chevy, a 57 Chevy car model, a 57 Chevy truck model, B.B.-pellet-dart gun with a paper dart board, a Blue Lightning Scooter and lots of goodies.
From,
TIMMY EARL JINRIGHT

Dear Santa,
I want a V.C.R., a colored T.V., a bicycle, some clothes like jama's a boomerang, a pound puppy, purry, a timefreak watch, chalk board, \$100.00, and lots of surprises.
Love,
CHUCKIE MITCHELL

Dear Santa,
I want a go-cart, a pair of shoes a football, a bat and ball, an Alabama jacket some jogging pants, a dart board, a puppy, a pet rabbit and remote control 57 Chevy.
P.S. I will leave you some cookies and coffee.
From,
LUCAS GRANTHAM

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I want a Commado doll, a stuffed animal, a pet bird, a pound puppy, a toy truck, a transformer, a pound purry, and lots of surprises. Don't forget the toy car. I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree. Santa, are you bringing Rudolf?
From,
MELESSA L. KELEY

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Belle Marler
Steve Gault
Roger Brown
Ruth Davis

DEAR SANTA,

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Im ill. Are you? I will give you cookies and milk. I want a picture of Rudolf and a computer and other surprises. Say hey to Mrs. Claus.
From,
RUSTY PHILLIPS

Dear Santa,
I want a scented washed and my Cuddoll and some clothes and a four wheeler and a get in shape girl and innocasin, slipper and a hot looks Strawberry and a pop pop ball, Jill play mate.
Love,
JULIE LEIGH-ANN MOORE

Dear Santa,
I have been a good child. I want you to bring me a talking Alf, guitar, and Alabama pencils. I will leave you and the reindeer a carrot a piece O.K.
Your Friend,
JASON WILLIAMS

Dear Santa,
My name is Jeremy and I am 1 year I want a pool table, I want a truck, I want remote control, I want a football, I want a bagun, I want a watch, I want a car, I want a got car and I want clothes. I have been good.
Love,
JEREMY

Dear Santa,
I have been a good child. I would like for you to bring me a scooter and a wild puffball.
SUZANNE RHODES

Dear Santa,
I have been a good child. I would like for you to bring me transformers and G.I. Joe and a Auburn football and jeans and shirts and jogging suits.
Your Friend,
JASON WILKS

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a watch some cloce and a radio some shuse some play shoes and some sunday shoes. Thank you.
Merry Christmas,
TERICA ANN DONALDSON

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and my birthstone ring. A My Child doll, and a lot of candy for me and my brother Adam. And a whole lot more!!
Love,
DENISE WARD

Dear Santa,
Santa my berrther wons a pound puppy and pound perry. I want one or two jipes, I and Eric will git him. I am going to git the teacher something to.
From,
ALLEN BOWDON

Dear Santa,
I want a toy car that goes 24 miles an hour, I want a new pair of shoes, I want a new Auburn shirt, I want a 16 feet race trace, I want a ring, I want some toys.
With Love,
JEREMY HATTAWAY

Dear Santa,
People tell me that you are not true, but I think you are true. I always will. I hope you bring me lot of gifts. I hope none of your elf get sick. And I hope you do not get sick. Have a good Christmas,
With Love,
KIM MOODY

Dear Santa,
I like what you bring me for Christmas. But this year I have not seen you yet. But I know I will see you for Christmas. And I no want. I want for Christmas, bike, baseball three wheeler.
Merry Christmas,
RUSSELL KELLEY

Dear Santa,
I want a puppy for Christmas, I like Christmas alot, I want a jewel box, and some jewel to go in the jewel box and a stuffed animal. Alf and a key board, and some clothes. I hope you give me all that stuff. I love you.
From,
HEATHER DEANNA COMPTON

Dear Santa,
I want a talking Alf. That's all.
Love,
FREDDIE HALI

Dear Santa,
I want a Teddy Rubskin Bear... That's all.
Love,
HALEY CHANCEY

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? If you can bring me all of this, BB gun, puke, basket ball and gold, rowboat.
Love,
BEN NELSON

Dear Santa Claus,
I think your a nice man its nice for you to bring toys to children. I bet your raindeer are nice especaly Rodoff. This is what I want bike, remote control car, T.V., scooter, clothes, shoes, That's all.
Love,
SHAUN MOORE

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you Santa? Hay this is Amanda Dean. I hope you are fine! I am fine. I know this does not sound like much but heres what I want for Christmas. A radio, a get in shape girl set, spectra doll and a white horse.
Love,
AMANDA DEAN

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, a stero, a canteen and a mess kit.
Love,
CLINT PATTERSON

Dear Santa,
I have been wanting a new bike, a robot that can do any thing I want to like home work and chores. I would love to have a new Cocker Spaniel blazer and it is a girl it can catch a ball and do tricks.
Love,
HASEY SESSONS

Dear Santa,
I want a bicycle, cricket doll, headphone radio, teddy rox bear, lots of presents, apple computer, I love you and the other reindeer.
Love,
CHRISTINA NEELEY

Dear Santa,
I want a cabbage patch doll, I want a ruid purties, I want a puffalumes and I want a trompleine. I am in the 3rd grade.
Love,
CHASTITY

Dear Santa,
I hope you will bring me a heart-to-heart bear, 3 pound puppies, 2 sleepingbags, lots of candy, lots of presents, apple computer. I love you and your wife and the raindeer too. How are you doing?
Love,
MEIGHAN REYNOLDS

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a computer, talking cabbage patch, burbies ice cream parlar, goart, clothes. How are you doing? I am fine. How is your raindeer. Well I don't have any raindeer but I have dogs.
Love,
ALICIA LANG

Dear Santa,
Santa How are you? Well im fine well you know what I am making just a little good but not much on my report card. I made Ds, Cs, As, Bs. Well this is what I want for Christmas. A Korie suit and a -tar. Santa how is Rudolf and the other rain deer. Is Rudolf nose is still working. And I hope your wife is doing okay. Well I better go for now.
Love,
JONATHAN WILLIAMS

Dear Santa,
I want a buyle, and a book and I want a toy.
Love,
SCOTTY WOOD

Dear Santa,
I wanted to know if you would get me some toys because I am good. I want a bike, a lot of G.I. Joe men and aserories, legos, contracts, mask things, and alot of deatles. I was wandering if you could let me ride you sleigh because I always wanted to fly?
Love,
DANIEL REEVES

Dear Santa,
I want a talking Alf. That's all.
Love,
FREDDIE HALI

Dear Santa,
I want a Teddy Rubskin Bear... That's all.
Love,
LANIA WILLIAMS

Dear Santa,
I want a robot car, a robot that doesn't move, a movie camera, and that's all. Hope all the reindeer are ok.
Love,
DUSTY LASHLEY

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie Doll, a rocking horse, a bicycle, a desk, a toy and that's all!
Love,
SHAWNA LINDBOM

Dear Santa,
Me and my brother want a remote control car. My Daddy wants a suit. My Mama wants a watch and a necklace. And that's all!
Love,
CASSIUS WILSON

Dear Santa,
First I would like a t.v, second I would like a camera, third I would like a watch, and fourth I would like a deck of football and baseball cards, and last I would like a pack of 1,000 BB's.
From,
SAM MOATES

Dear Santa,
I would like a three-wheeler and a game watch and a grasshopper and a keyboard and a radio, and I would like a pett gun.
Your friend,
TIMOTHY SMITH

Dear Santa,
I would like a remote control dune buggy and a pair of boots and I want a ten-speed with the bar straight and I want a sliping slide, and a swimming pool and four transformers.
Love,
AMANDA WISE

Dear Santa,
I've been good this year but I admit I've been a little mean too! I want a new bike and some real hot clothes. I want a week with my dad! I want a Cabbage Patch Kid with a bottle, play pen and a stroller. I want a pair of skates too.
Love,
AMANDA WISE

Dear Santa,
I want a train, a truck, a bull dozer... THAT'S ALL!
Love,
JEREMIAH KING

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie Doll. A horse for the Barbie. I want a toy stove for my sister. She wants a Barbie doll too!
Love,
CASSANDRA CRABTREE

Dear Santa,
I want a Daffie Duck and Tig. Mama wants some bedroom shoes. Thank you.
Love,
JEANA SPEARS

Dear Santa,
I want a holding hand doll, lagoes, blocks, a big bicycle that has training wheels. That's all!
Love,
EMILY MALOY

Dear Santa,
I want a big bird. That's all!
Love,
TOMMY TOWNSEND

Dear Santa,
I want a bicycle, a rocking bed, a high chair, a buggy and some presents. That's all!
Love,
AMANDA BRADLEY

Dear Santa,
I want a radio, a play refrigerator, a play box and a play phone. Everything for a play house. Merry Christmas.
Love,
BRANDY

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Season's Greetings

Peace Love Friendship

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DEAR SANTA,

Dear Santa,
I would like a new motorcycle for Christmas. I would really want a head phone set, I would like a helmet for my motorcycle.
Your Friend,
JONATHAN

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie doll, a bicycle, and the Raindeer from Burger King. I have been very nice.
Love,
JENNIFER JONES

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like to have five things. I would like to have a 16-page shotgun, some hunting clothes, a remote control car, a motorcycle, and some racing clothes.
Sincerely,
JOE CARNLEY

Dear Santa,
I've been a good girl. I would like you to bring me a barbie doll house, computer, and 50 dollars.
CAMECA RODGERS

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. For Christmas I'd like alot of toys. I'd like a talking Cabbage Patch Kid, scooter, bicycle, computer, more people to like me and Maybe a real gold bracelet.
Your Friend,
SHEY NELSON

Dear Santa,
I want to have ramotecontrol cars. I want some more cloce. And I want a million dollers. Most of all I want a new room.
DAVID FINGER

Dear Santa,
I want a radio control car. And I want a sterio. I have been very good this year.
Your Friend,
ANDY BAKER

Dear Santa,
I wanted to know if you would bring me a Pee Wee Herman scooter, a skate board, a chain necklace, and a motorcycle.
Your Friend,
STEVE

Dear Santa,
I've been good this year but I admit I've been a little mean too! I want a new bike and some real hot clothes. I want a week with my dad! I want a Cabbage Patch Kid with a bottle, play pen and a stroller. I want a pair of skates too.
Love,
AMANDA WISE

Dear Santa,
I've been a good girl this year. I a keyboard, clothes, a ring, a scooter,
Love,
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DEAR SANTA,

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me a bike, car, and lots of toys. I have been very good.
Love,
ANDREA ALLEN

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me a bike, Alf and toys.
Love,
JENNY

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me a bike, make-up, Alf doll and lots of toys. I have been very good.
Love,
LEE ANN

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me make-up, desk, hamster, bike, doll and toys.
Love,
HOLLY

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me a bike, Alf doll, and toys. I have been very good.
Love,
SHERRY SCARBROUGH

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me a bike, Alf doll, and lots of toys. I have been very good.
Love,
TIMOTHY

Dear Santa,
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Love,
AMANDA

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me a bike, hamster, marbles, toys. I have been very good. Alf doll too.
Love,
STACY

Dear Santa,
We have our Christmas tree up already. I would like a new bike, and a Barbie house a funwich factory. I want a new pair of tennis shoes. And a clock to wake me up in the morning. Also a baton, a cap, and some caps for my new guns if you bring me one. Also I want a picture to hang on my bedroom wall. And I would like some games. Than you very much, and Merry Christmas.
Your friend,
SALENA SHUMAN

Dear Santa,
I would like a three wheeler and a bike and a motorcycle car and a big foot.
Love,
DOUGLAS WILLIAMS

Dear Santa,
Will you bring me a car and some trucks, a new gun, diesel and a big foot, and a lot of surprize.
Love,
DANIEL PRIDGEN

Dear Santa,
How is Ms. Santa and Rudolph? Thank you for everything else. This year I want a super turbo train, and a keyboard, and a farrie or 4 wheeler, a rihel and a BB gun. Thank you. Merry Christmas Ho Ho Ho!
Love,
DALE HUTCHINSON

Dear Santa,
Hey, what are you doing? I want a four wheeler and a boat with remote control no wire and an Army suite everything for Karate. Now I have got to go by.
Love,
BENJAMIN BRIAN PRITCHETT

Dear Santa,
I would like a Official Size football, elctic trainset, a pound purry, and some surprizes, Merry Christmas.
Your friend,
CHRIS ARCHIE

Dear Santa Claus,
I hope everybody is good and get's a present and I have some cookies and milk for you.
Love,
JIMBO COLE

Dear Santa,
I would like a weel of fortune, and a pople, and a play train with tracks. Come and see me soon bye! bye!
Love,
MICHELE SAWYER

Dear Santa,
I want a 4 willer 3030, BB gun, 12 gage shotgun, 20 gage shotgun, old time 410 shotgun, 22 pistle, 22 rifle made pellic gun.
Love,
JAMIE HALL

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a pogo-ball and a skateboard, lazer tag, remote control car. Sant, I have been good boy. So please come to see me on Christmas Eve. And, Santa, if you have a extra bike, please drop it at my house. Thank You.
A good little boy,
BENJAMIN J. LAYTON

Dear Santa,
Here is a list of what I want for Christmas, 22 rifle, bow and 10 arrows, a bike, a pellet pistol and my Meow home from the hospital.
You Friend,
PATRICK DANLEY

Dear Santa Clause,
I like you. You're sweet giving children toys. And delicing them. I'm sure somtimes you forgot people. Well I'll tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a keyboard, candy, clothes, shoes, radio, and a diary. That's all. I hope that it was not too much. I only got six things. That's not too much.
Yours truly,
JESSICA DUNN

Dear Santa,
hope you have a merry Christmas. This is what I whci like you to get me for Christmas. A waterbed, Lady Lovely Locks, and Staria.
P.S. Tell your wife I hope she has a merry Christmas too.
Thanks,
ERIN

Dear Santa,
I want a computer that teaches, Math, Spelling, English, and Social Studies. And I want a remote control airplane with a radio on it. And a cartrack that goes up the wall. Your helper,
DUNDRAE PETERSON

Dear Santa,
I love you. You're my best friend. I wish I could see you riding your sled. One day I hope I'll see you riding your sled. One day I hope I will see you riding your sled. I want to see you and Rudoff, Dasher, and all your other reindeer. I want 7 things: free-style skateboard, radio, all these stone washed, hat, jacket, shirt, pants and a stereo. Hoo Hoo Hoo Merry Christmas.
Yours Truly,
BILLY KELLEY

Dear Santa,
I would like a 20 guage shot gun, and a bow and arrow, a computer and a trampoline.
Love,
SHON WILLIS

Dear Santa,
I want a BMX freestyle bike and a turbo electric train. When I wake up. Two more things I want for Christmas I want a pump puddy and some pool balls.
Love,
DERICK DANIELS

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bike and a vcr and tv. P.S. I love you santa Claus and your wife.
Love, Your best friend,
MELISSA KIDD

Dear Santa,
I would like a bow and arrow, 4-wheelr, trampoline, 4-10, 20 guage, shot gun, tent, a pair of suspenders and monkey bars.
Your friend,
DANIEL WHITE

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Would you please bring me a talking Cabbage Patch and a baby Heather, and please would you bring me some clothes? Would you get a size 12 in pants and size 10 in shirts. And I believe in you. I love you Sata Claus. And you bring me some skates. And we might have cookies on the dining room table if you're good!
Your Friend,
HEATHER CAPE

Dear Santa,
I hope Christmas, this is what I would like for Christmas-a bike, game mouse trap, cabbage patch kid, that takes, a bath with you, Star Dream Barbie, Star Dream Barbie Chest. I love you, Santa.
P.S. I will have some goodies out for you. Tell Mrs. Claus I love her too.
Love,
MANDY THOMAS

Dear Santa,
I know you've broke this year, but I want lots of things - a tool belt and tools, a talking Mickey Mouse, a mini village, a tape recorder-cassette player, some tapes and lots, lots of surprizes!
I have been good, yes I have.
Love,
BRANDON HOLLIDAY
Age 3 1/2

Dear Santa,
I've been a good girl this year. I want you to bring me a baby doll, some pretty clothes and lots of surprizes.
I've got a brother this year named Sergio; he's from Mexico. Bring him some surprizes.
I'll leave you some cookies by the tree.
I love you,
MELISSA HOPE MULARZ
Age 4

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The warmth of a crackling fire, the aroma of a Christmas tree, the taste of a candy cane, the joy on the face of a child. Love to all this season, and throughout the year.

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The festive sights and sounds, the joy of giving, the rekindling of friendships, the sharing in good times... are all a part of the season of cheer. May Christmas hold a wealth of wonderful things for you.

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DEAR SANTA,

Dear Santa,
Please bring walking baby, wagon, corky, radio, and guitar, to me for Christmas. I have been good! I will leave a snack for you.
Love,
KACI FLEMING

Dear Santa,
Please bring Mickey Mouse, gun, dollbus Kenon and doll to me for Christmas. I have been good! I will leave a snack for you.
Love,
cecilia dean

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Dear Santa,
Please bring teddy rugstby, Ruffy, rail and juggler to me for Christmas. I have been good. I will leave a snack for you.
Love, CHARLEY

Dear Santa,
Please bring chalkboard, organ, guitar, microphone, and tape Player to me for Christmas. I have been good! I will leave a snack for you.
Love,
EMILY WISE

Dear Santa,
Please bring pelletgun, Alf, gun and bike to me for Christmas. I have been good! I will leave a snack for you.
Love,
BOBO HARRISON

Dear Santa,
Please bring scooter, gun, watch, football, and Micker for Christmas. I have been good. I will leave a snack for you.
Love,
CORY WISE

Dear Santa,
Please bring doll, car, boat, doll clothes and bow to me for Christmas. I have been good! I will leave a snack for you.
Love,
ANGIE LANE

Dear Santa,
Please bring bike, scooter, race car, football and motorcycle to me for Christmas. I have been good! I will leave a snack for you.
Love,
JAY McCALL

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a remote control car without a track.
Thank You,
JOEY CLARK

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a talking Baby Doll and a new wagon because my old one tore up. I will leave you cookies and milk on the kitchen table.
Thank You,
JULIE FOLMER

Dear Santa,
I want a talking doll and a pink radio. We will leave the doll open so you can come in.
Thank You,
CRYSTAL TILLES

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a pink radio and a Teddy Ruxpin with tapes. I will leave you a sandwich and some milk.
Thanks,
ANNA WIGGINS

Dear Santa,
What is Rudolph doing today? Please bring me a B-B gun and a remote control race car. I will leave you cookies on the table with some milk.
Thank You,
BEN BLUE

Dear Santa,
Bring me a doll for Christmas. I will try to be extra good.
Thank You,
JESSICA MCCLAIN

Dear Santa,
Please stop at my house and leave me a bicycle with training wheels, a Teddy Ruxpin with tapes. I will leave you a cake beside the tree.
I Love You,
TIFFANY HAWTHORNE

Dear Santa,
I want a Ken doll this year, also a Disney Castle. I've been good and I will leave Kool aid and chocolate chips cookies at the table for you.
Thank You,
JERI LYNN DAVIS

Dear Santa,
Bring me a dump truck, a bulldozer and a bicycle please.
Thanks,
GARY GILMORE

Dear Santa,
I want a baby that talks and a talking Mickey Mouse. How is Mrs. Santa doing this year? I hope you have a safe trip!
Thank You,
HAYLEY SUMBLIN

Dear Santa,
I've been good and I would like Transformers for Christmas.
Thank You,
KRISTEN BOWDOIN

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a race track and a talking Alf. I would like to play with Rudolph one day if he could come visit me one day.
Thank You,
ANTHONY KING

Dear Santa,
I want a G.I. Joe tent, a water gun and a sleeping bag please. Milk will be on the table for you.
Thank You,
JEREMY KELLEY

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bicycle, G.I. Joe tent and I will try to be very good.
Thank You,
ALEX OCASIO

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Cricket Baby doll and a bicycle, sandwich and milk will be on coffee table.
Thanks,
KRISTAL HUDSON

Dear Santa,
I want a G.I. Joe tank with big wheels, a Rudolph with on-off switch.
Thank You,
BRET NOBLES

Dear Santa,
I want a lot of things for Christmas. I hope you can get them for me. I bet your sleigh will be packed with all the things that I want. I want put no fire in the fireplace because you will get burn up.
Love,
JOSH C. CARNLEY

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been really good this year. Here are a few things I would like. Keyboard, Barbie, hair flair, and lots of surprizes. I love you Santa Claus. Sincerely,
KERI HENDERSON

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a he man, I want a ghost buster gun, I want a pack of Lego, I want a stamper, I want a robot, I want a huik, I want a keyboard, I want a bike, I want a turbo car and I want a go car.
From,
RONNIE LOMAN

Dear Santa Claus,
This year for Christmas I would like a BB gun, football with a air pump, a tee and a soccer ball and a basketball and a basketball goal and our teacher gave ys a picture of the stock with a elf at the bottom of the stocking and Santa Claus. I am going to onest with you this year. I have been mean this year but I have been trying to be good the best I can and all the stuff that I have written down on this paper is to much and besides Santa Claus I dont deserve all this stuff because I have been mean but I wish I did deserve all this I have written down and please Santa Claus I have tried my best to get it for Christmas so please bring it.
Love,
JASON WARD

Dear Santa,
I want a doll named Baby Heather and a keyboard, and a detom skirt, and some more cloths, some doll cloths for my doll, named Brawn. I got her last Christmas. And some seters, and blue jens, a blue jen pers with beads on it, a detom jacket and some few surprizes.
NATASHA ANDERSON

Dear Santa,
This is what I want for Christmas. A keyboard, scooter, super hair barbie, jewel, seere, Whitney, barbie, farrie, canner, chalkboard with chalk, desk, dentem pruss, dentem billfold, dentem skirt. Thats all a want for Christmas and I hope cam bring me that stuff if I be very good. I hope you will bring it to me. My name is Wendy and I believe in you very much.
With Love,
JESSICA KEEN

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a chubble, funnere friends, sweet secrets lipstick, lipless, blush, eyeshadow. I wish to see you soon Santa. I hope you will bring my gifts on the night before Christmas day. I sleep till you come I will sleep real well till you come. I hope you bring the ones I asked for.
With Love,
JESSICA KEEN

Dear Santa,
I want a radio and baby heather and a trampaline and a ball and some candy that has a puppet. Merry Christmas.
Love,
MICHELE

Dear Santa,
I want some clothes and baby Heather and a trampaline and a ball and some candy that has a puppet. Merry Christmas.
Love,
TIFFANY

Dear Santa,
I would like a jump rope, baby doll, my buddy boy, barbie house, for my mom to act nice. Theres not nothing else.
AICA RICE

Peace on Earth

May you and your loved ones have a safe and joyous Holiday Season, a healthy and prosperous New Year!

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THE STORY OF THE NUTCRACKER

Merry Christmas



ONCE upon a time one Christmas eve, a young girl's dream came magically to life. It began with the arrival of Uncle Drossel-meyer who, to the delight of the children, came bearing gifts.

He brought a huge nutcracker in the shape of a man with a large head. But Oh...! it slipped out of his hands and broke.

As the festivities continued with song and dance, Clara picked up the broken nutcracker and put them in her doll's cradle. Later that night she went back downstairs to look at the nutcracker, and that's when the magic began.

When the clock struck midnight, mice scurried across the floor. The Christmas tree began to grow and grow and gingerbread soldiers came to life and marched about the room.

Clara watched in awe as the mice returned and began to battle with the soldiers. The Nutcracker came to life and took command of the remaining

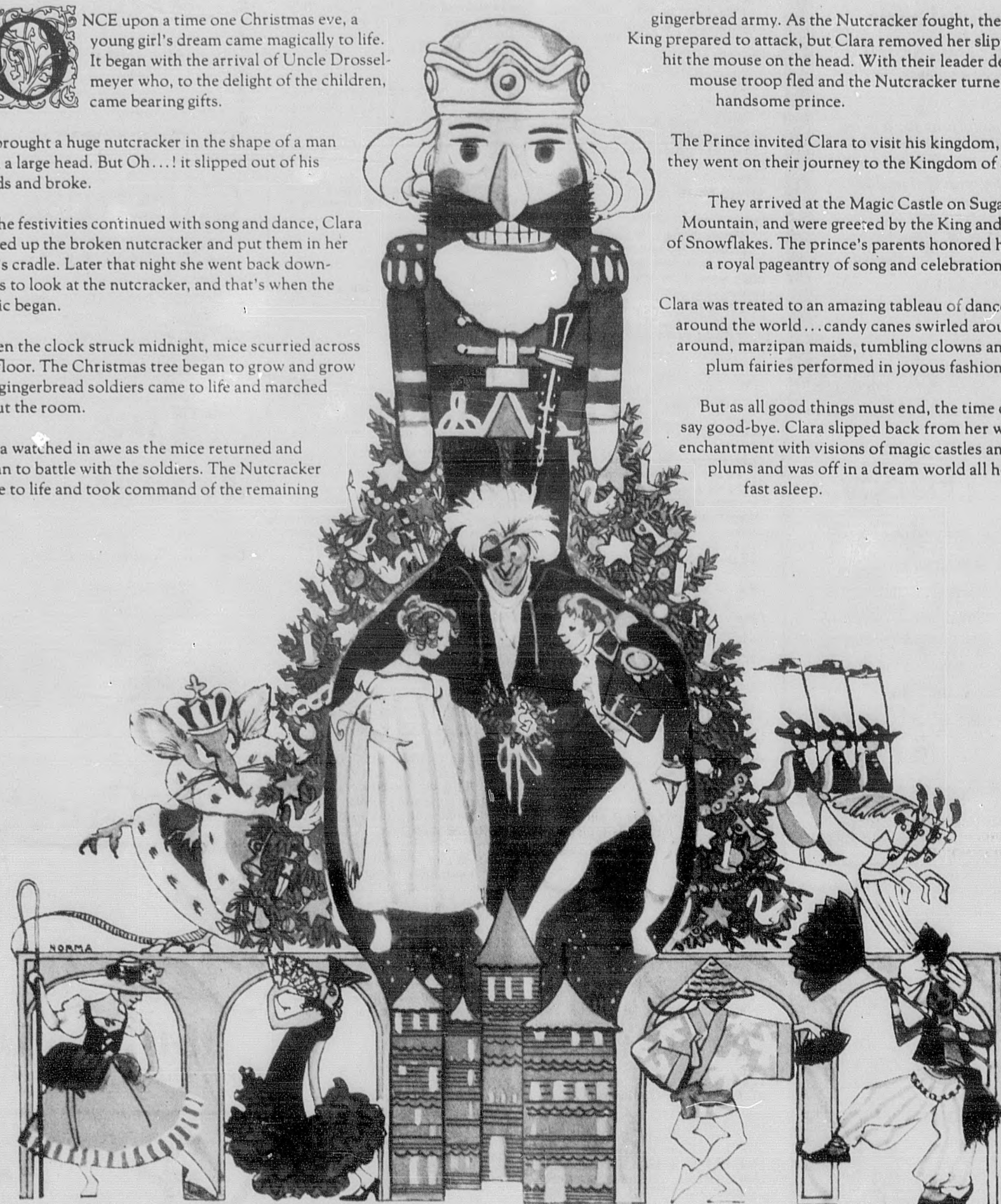
gingerbread army. As the Nutcracker fought, the Mouse King prepared to attack, but Clara removed her slipper and hit the mouse on the head. With their leader dead, the mouse troop fled and the Nutcracker turned into a handsome prince.

The Prince invited Clara to visit his kingdom, and off they went on their journey to the Kingdom of Sweets.

They arrived at the Magic Castle on Sugar-Plum Mountain, and were greeted by the King and Queen of Snowflakes. The prince's parents honored her with a royal pageantry of song and celebration.

Clara was treated to an amazing tableau of dances from around the world... candy canes swirled around and around, marzipan maids, tumbling clowns and sugar plum fairies performed in joyous fashion.

But as all good things must end, the time came to say good-bye. Clara slipped back from her world of enchantment with visions of magic castles and sugar plums and was off in a dream world all her own, fast asleep.



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DEAR SANTA,

Dear Santa,
I want a telescope, go-cart, house-coat, and lots of surprises. I have been good.
Love,
BRANDEE FARRIS

Dear Santa,
I would like an Alf and some contrux too. I would like an amimator and some clothes, and a lot of prizes.
Your friend,
TIM CAPE

Dear Santa,
I would like a bunch of little diesel and that is all.
JASON SLAWSON

Dear Santa,
I want a lesson one, a ping pong table, a win low or draw game, and a bed bugs game, jewelry, clothes, a guinea pig, and a puppy and a teddy bear.
Love,
MANDY ELLIS

Dear Santa,
I want 2 pair of Lee Jeans, a some contrux and I want a remote control car, and a set of traneformers and a football.
P.S. Peas bring me a animator.
Love,
TIM CAPE

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me a four-wheeler, and a baby Heather with doll clothes. I will leave you some milk and cookies and candy.
I Love You,
BETH LEVERETT

Dear Santa,
Will you bring a Ghostbuster proton pack, 4 silverhaws, and a silver hawk mobile, a bow and some arrows and a lot of surprises.
Love,
WESLEY CLARK

Dear Santa,
I love you. Will you bring me a talking Alf, and a big bear to, and a computer, and a piano, and some other thing to like some stuff to go in my hair like a hairbow and a doll.
Love,
AMANDA ELLIS

Dear Santa and Mrs. Santa,
I would like a big diesel, a big foot, and a crashing derby.
I Love You,
TRAVIS WOODS

Dear Santa,
Will you bring me a BEBE gun, and a big diesel, and a footfall and a scooter for Christmas.
Love,
JOSH GRANTHAM

Dear Santa,
I would like a key board, football and a watch and a bicycle BMX 100. Please bring me a lot of surprises.
Love,
MERRY CHRISTMAS SANTA CLAUS.

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Dear Santa,
I tried to be good, and my Mom nid some cryings, my Dad nid some toots too, my little brother nid a ratool. I nid a skattabard, and my Friend a singing box, and my Mom been good too, and my Dad and brother been good, and I nid some transforos, Hepman and computr and their calis.
Love,
BRANDEE JOWERS

Dear Santa,
I what spree for Christmas for my Mom she wood like a wreath. I tride to be a good girl Santa Claus.
I love you Santa,
SHANNON

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade. I will be good. Please bring me a Barbie house and ice cream shop and Barbie clothes.
Love,
DEANA FARRIS

Dear Santa,
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Love,
JAMES ANTHONY HAY

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Love,
ELIZABETH GODEY

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Love,
CONNIE MOODY

Dear Santa,
I have been good at school. I want a keyboard, doll, bike, shoes, shirts, books, bows, Barbie doll, make-up and pool set.
Love,
SHANNON FULLER

Dear Santa,
I been good, and my sister Jamelle been good. My Mather been good. My father been good. My sister wants a boll. My Mather wants a car. My father wants a car and I want transformers, He-man, toy car, and keyboard.
Love,
JAMES SILER

Dear Santa,
I want a spree for Christmas. My sister wants a radio. I woud like a night gown for my Mother. I have tride to be a good boy.
Love,
VAN SMITH

Dear Santa,
I what babby Heather. I do not know what my brother whants but I will ask him. Iv tride to be a good girl not perfect but good. My brother has been good.
Love,
KISHA

Dear Santa,
I wood like a radio. Did you no that I love Christmas.
Love,
AMANDA CAMPBELL

Dear Santa,
I love you and I want a computer and I wish I and I want a pelphone and a go-cart and a Crayolas. Cud see you on Christmas night, and I wish My Boyfind and his brother Chad cud come and see me, a game cad Sorry. Merry Christmas Santa and I went some clothes.
Love,
CRYSTAL SKIPPER

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be good not great but good. I hope I have been good. This is what I want for Christmas, a radio, bike, skate board, Barbe, Deroh, Ken, Kim bee, Lady Lovely looks, a tipe writer. My brother whats a nife, gun, gun holder, a good mans clothes. My Mom a ring. My Dad a gun. Well that is all I want for Christmas. Have a Happy New Year.
Love,
MELINDA ELLIS

Dear Santa,
I want a VCR and a spree. My sister wants a VCR to. I have been good. My sister is good too.
Love,
KERRY KELLEY

Dear Santa,
I love you. I want one thing and I dont no watch, am sister wants but I no want I want.
Love,
KEVIN MADDOX

Dear Santa,
I want spree and my sister spree to some time I help my Daddy. I am

in Mrs. Boyd's class.
Love,
ASHLEY SUTLEY

Dear Santa,
I tried to be good but I wasn't perfect. I want a scooter. I want a drom seel, I want soon books. I love you Santa.
Love,
NATHAN PRICHARD

Dear Santa,
I want a baby hethr a baby doll, shot shos, scotr, bike, nesos, I love you very very much.
I love you,
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I have been good at school. I want a keyboard, doll, bike, shoes, shirts, books, bows, Barbie doll, make-up and pool set.
Love,
SHANNON FULLER

Dear Santa,
I been good, and my sister Jamelle been good. My Mather been good. My father been good. My sister wants a boll. My Mather wants a car. My father wants a car and I want transformers, He-man, toy car, and keyboard.
Love,
JAMES SILER

Dear Santa,
I want a spree for Christmas. My sister wants a radio. I woud like a night gown for my Mother. I have tride to be a good boy.
Love,
VAN SMITH

Dear Santa,
I what babby Heather. I do not know what my brother whants but I will ask him. Iv tride to be a good girl not perfect but good. My brother has been good.
Love,
KISHA

Dear Santa,
I wood like a radio. Did you no that I love Christmas.
Love,
AMANDA CAMPBELL

Dear Santa,
I love you and I want a computer and I wish I and I want a pelphone and a go-cart and a Crayolas. Cud see you on Christmas night, and I wish My Boyfind and his brother Chad cud come and see me, a game cad Sorry. Merry Christmas Santa and I went some clothes.
Love,
CRYSTAL SKIPPER

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be good not great but good. I hope I have been good. This is what I want for Christmas, a radio, bike, skate board, Barbe, Deroh, Ken, Kim bee, Lady Lovely looks, a tipe writer. My brother whats a nife, gun, gun holder, a good mans clothes. My Mom a ring. My Dad a gun. Well that is all I want for Christmas. Have a Happy New Year.
Love,
MELINDA ELLIS

Dear Santa,
I want a VCR and a spree. My sister wants a VCR to. I have been good. My sister is good too.
Love,
KERRY KELLEY

Dear Santa,
I love you. I want one thing and I dont no watch, am sister wants but I no want I want.
Love,
KEVIN MADDOX

Dear Santa,
I want spree and my sister spree to some time I help my Daddy. I am

in Mrs. Boyd's class.
Love,
ASHLEY SUTLEY

Dear Santa,
I tried to be good but I wasn't perfect. I want a scooter. I want a drom seel, I want soon books. I love you Santa.
Love,
NATHAN PRICHARD

Dear Santa,
I want a baby hethr a baby doll, shot shos, scotr, bike, nesos, I love you very very much.
I love you,
BRANDEE JOWERS

Dear Santa,
I what spree for Christmas for my Mom she wood like a wreath. I tride to be a good girl Santa Claus.
I love you Santa,
SHANNON

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade. I will be good. Please bring me a Barbie house and ice cream shop and Barbie clothes.
Love,
DEANA FARRIS

Dear Santa,
I am in first grade. I will be good. Please bring me a BB gun, skates and a football.
Love,
JAMES ANTHONY HAY

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade. I will be good. Please bring me a Barbie doll, a Cabbage Patch Kid and bike.
Love,
DEANA GILFORD

Dear Santa,
I am in first grade, I will be good. Please bring me a Cabbage Patch Baby, a Barbie doll and diapers.
Love,
ELIZABETH GODEY

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Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a Remote control car and surprises, football. Thank you.
Love,
KELVIN BURKS

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a Heman battlcat and thundor. Thank you.
I Love You,
TIM RDEE

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a Barbie doll. Thank you.
I Love You,
JOYCE PUKER

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a Colored Tv with Mot Con Drol, Minni skirt, red scooter.
Love,
NACOLE BRYAN

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Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a Barbie Ferrar and a China tea sat, Barrie les Cream Shoppe. Thank you.
I Love You,
JULIE ROBERSON

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a Rock Tumbler, pig pong game some surprises.
Love,
MEGHAN LEE

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a computer, jill and clothe heirt to heart Bear. Thank you, some surprises.
CRYSTAL

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a ghost Zapper, B-B Gun, clothes, jambox, crackers-in-my bed and remote control. Thank you.
I Love You,
JEREMY

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a play Santa Claus, Remote control car and surprises. Thank you.
I Love You,
JOVAN

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a baby doll, a crib and a pocketbook. I thank you.
I Love You,
ANNIE J.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me Boarbie.
Love,
OLIVIA

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Please bring me shoes.
Love,
STEVEN PARRISH

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Ples bring a baby doll, a dog, a bike, a horse, a computer, a playhouse.
Love,
DANNA PAIGE HUDSON

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Please bring me a motor cycle, shoe, basketball.
Love,
TONY BURKS

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Please bring me a BB gun.
Love,
ERIC

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Please bring me a muppet baby key board, a cabbage patch kid, makeup kit, a Jem, a Vanity set and lots, lots of surprise's.
Love,
CHRISTY SMITH

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Please bring me baby doll, bed, a dog, mother-goose, barbie, baby reinder, all 4 pound purries and some surpris.
Love,
CHRISTY

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Please bring me Barbie ice cream maker, baby doll.
Love,
ELAINA MARIE CONNOR

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Please bring me some surprises, a robot, a computer, Barbie ice cream maker, a playhouse a game.
Love,
NATASHA LEE ANN

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Please bring me computer, scooter, term sesame street.
Love,
TARSHA

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Love,
BROOKS

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I have been good. Please bring me remote controlled big foot.
Love,
BAR HUGHES

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Love,
DENISE BURKS

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I want a Mr. Game Show.
Love,
BRAD W.

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I want a jeep. Christmas is fun.
Love,
LAURA CROWE

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I want a clock-radio.
I Love You,
BLAKE WEEKS

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I have been good. I want a white-wheel bike.
I Love,
CHRIS P. KELLEY

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Please brign some brdg, horse, puppy, kitten, rabbit.
Love,
STACY

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I want a Magna Doodle.
Love,
LEE ALAN ENGLISH

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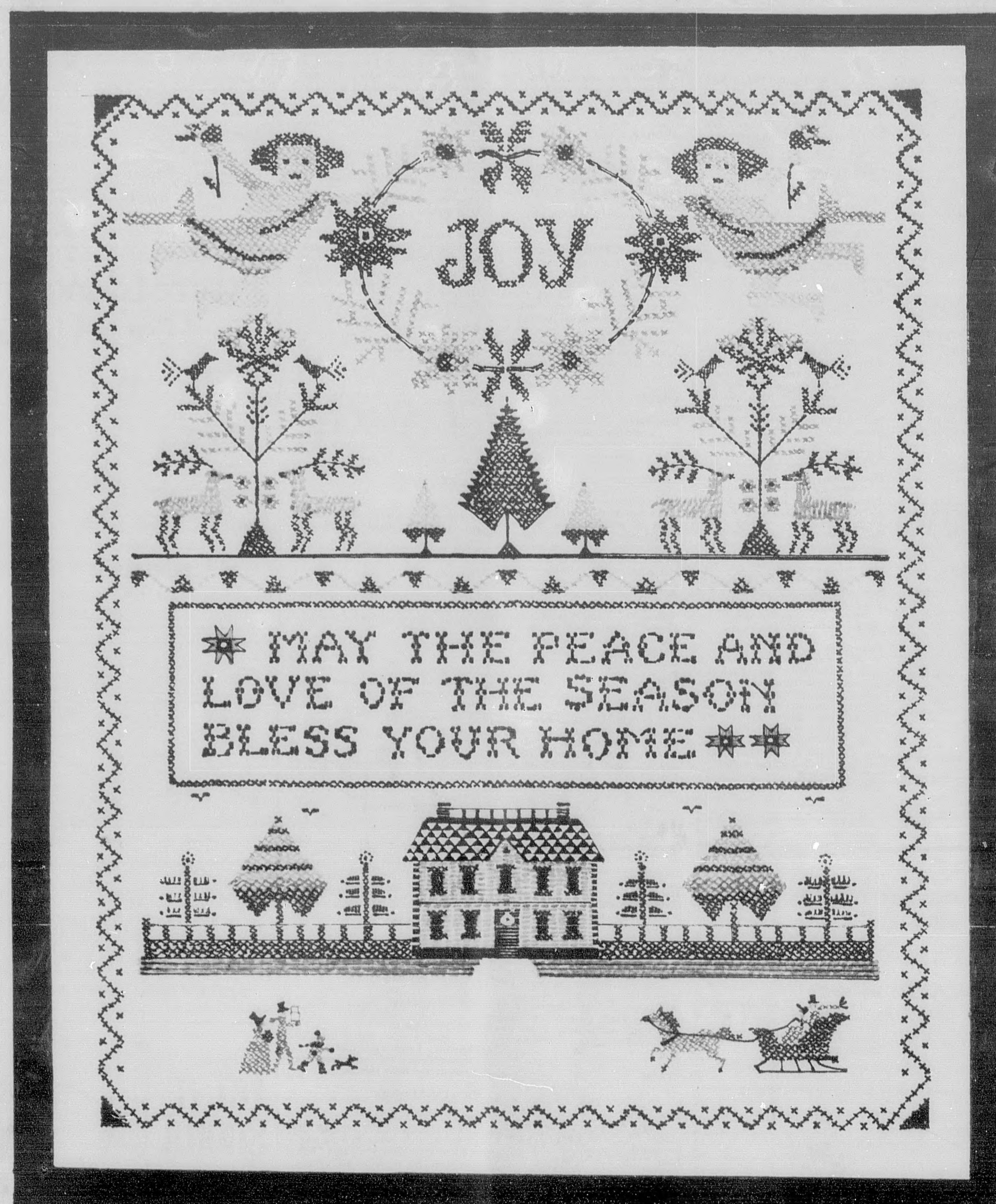
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Dear Santa,
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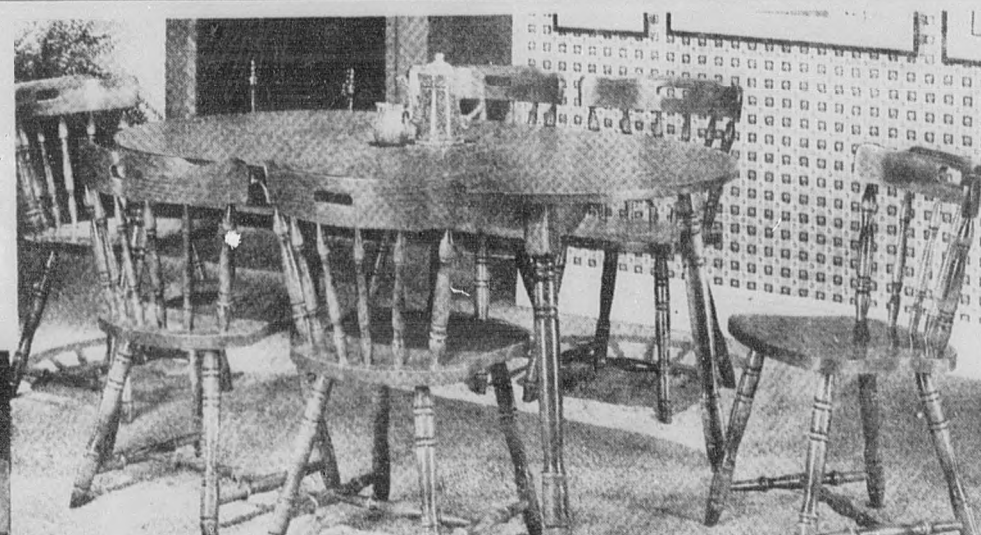
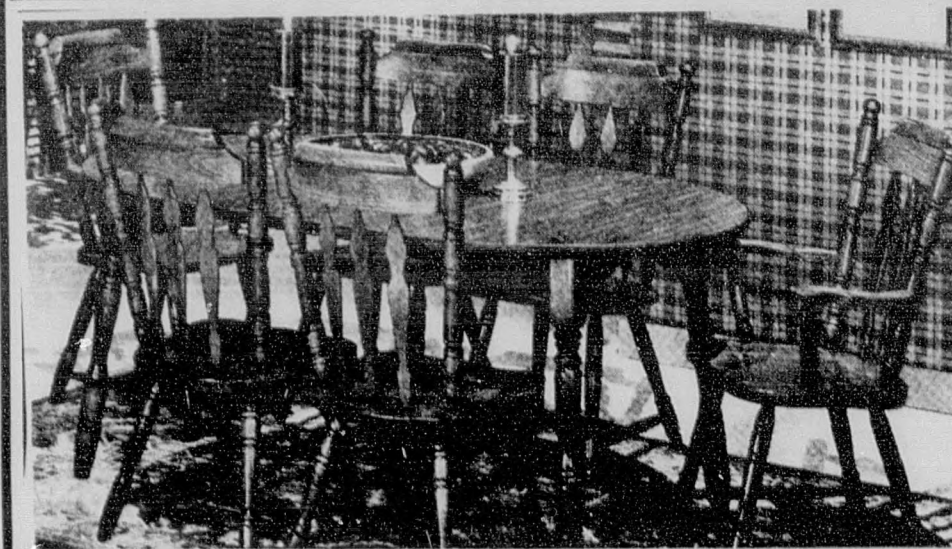


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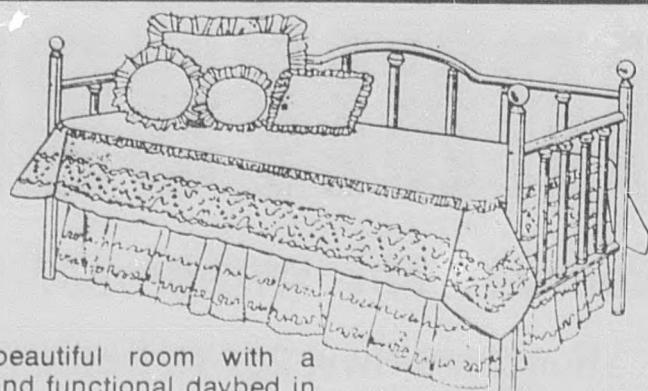
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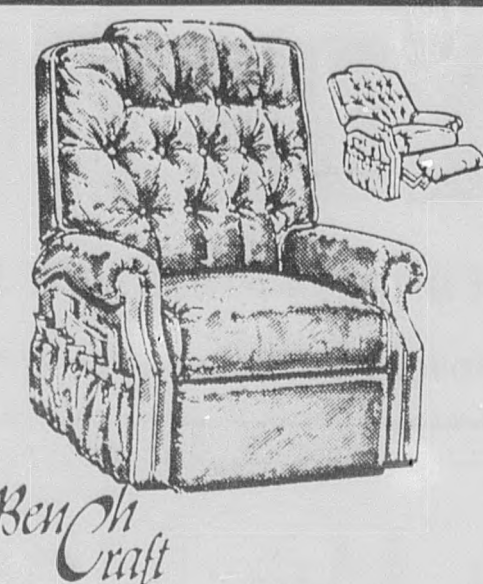
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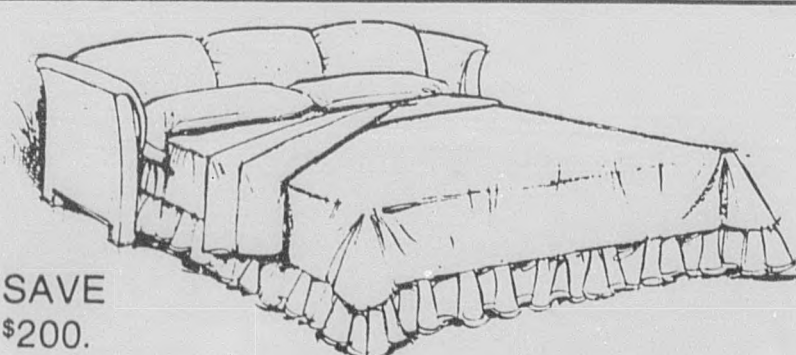
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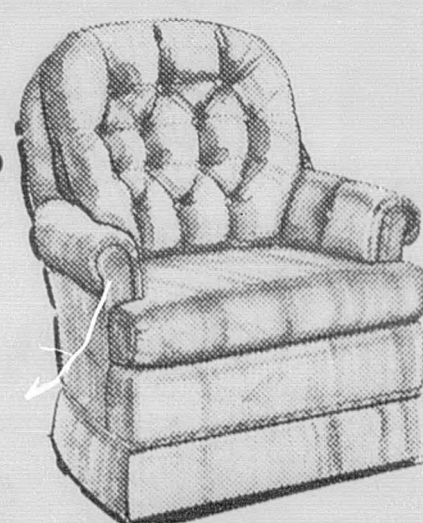
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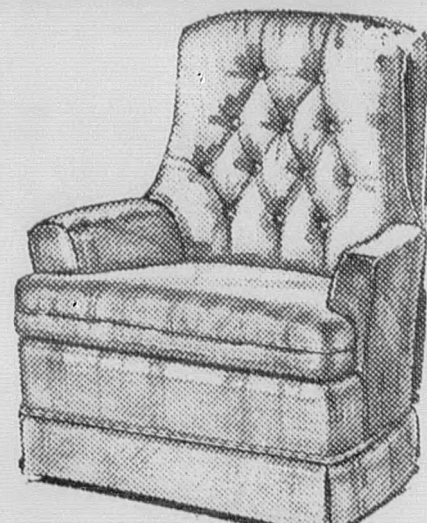
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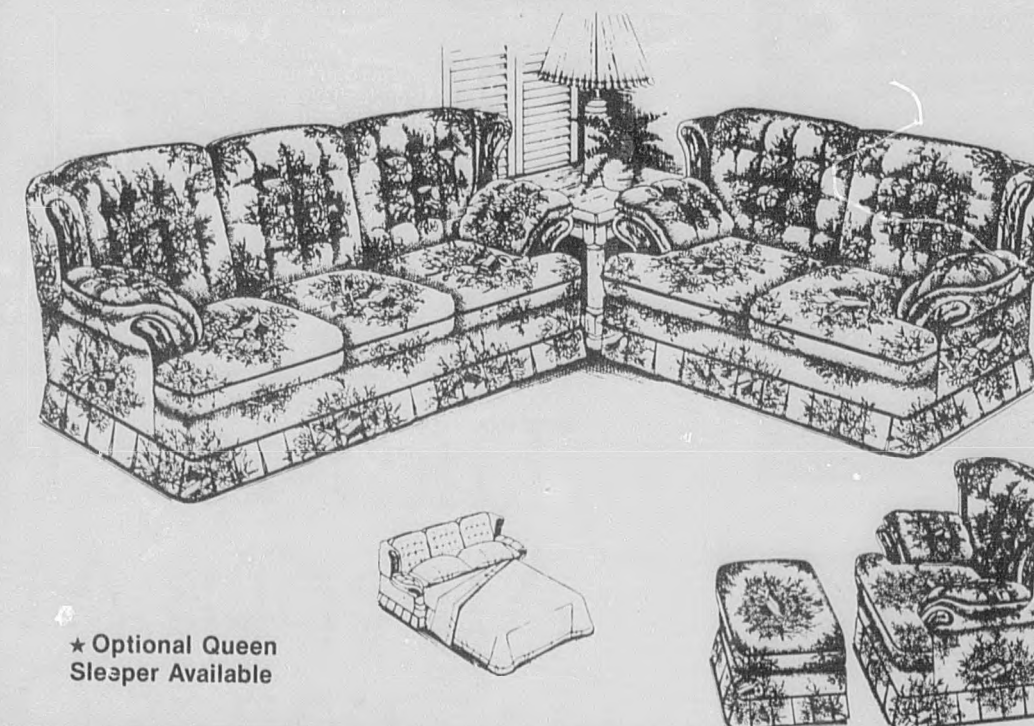


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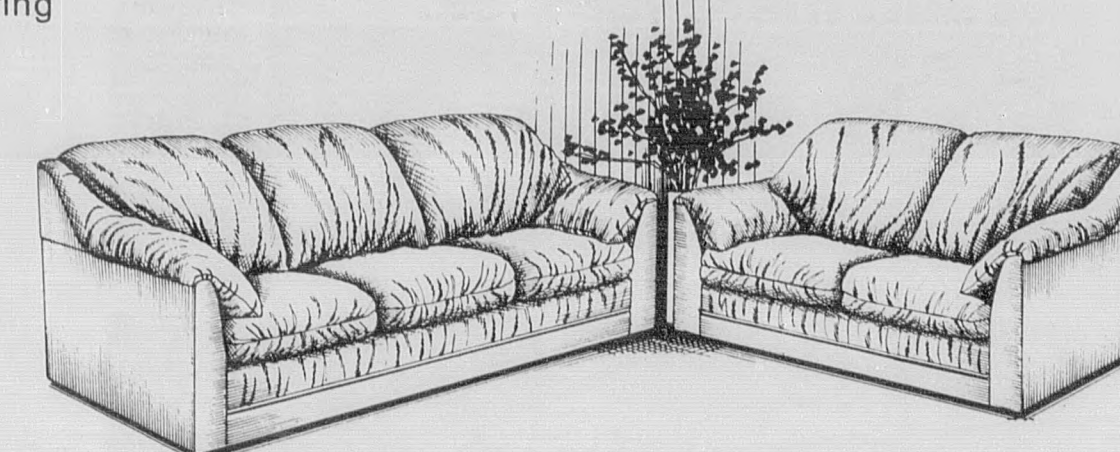
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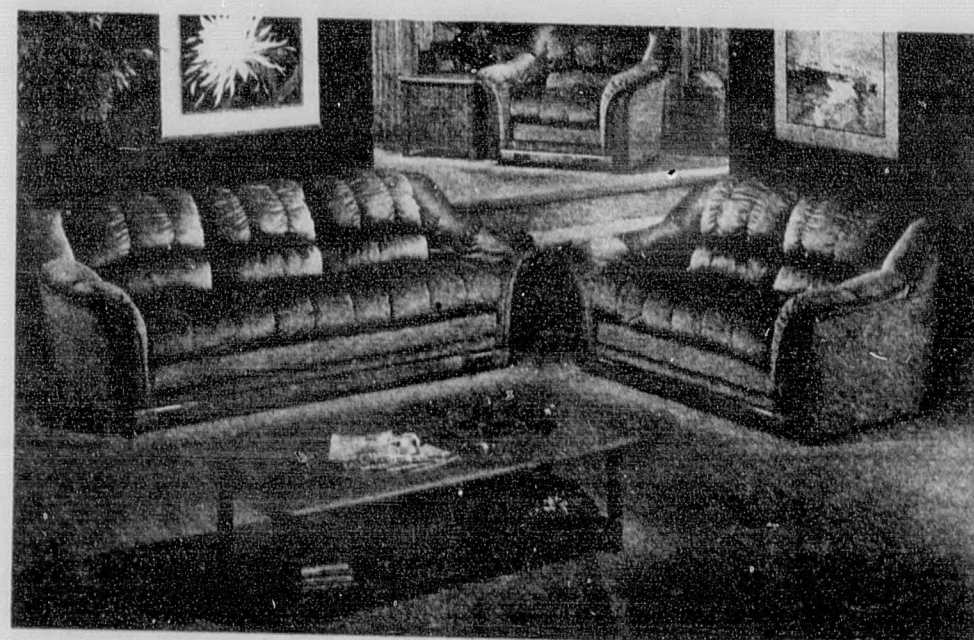
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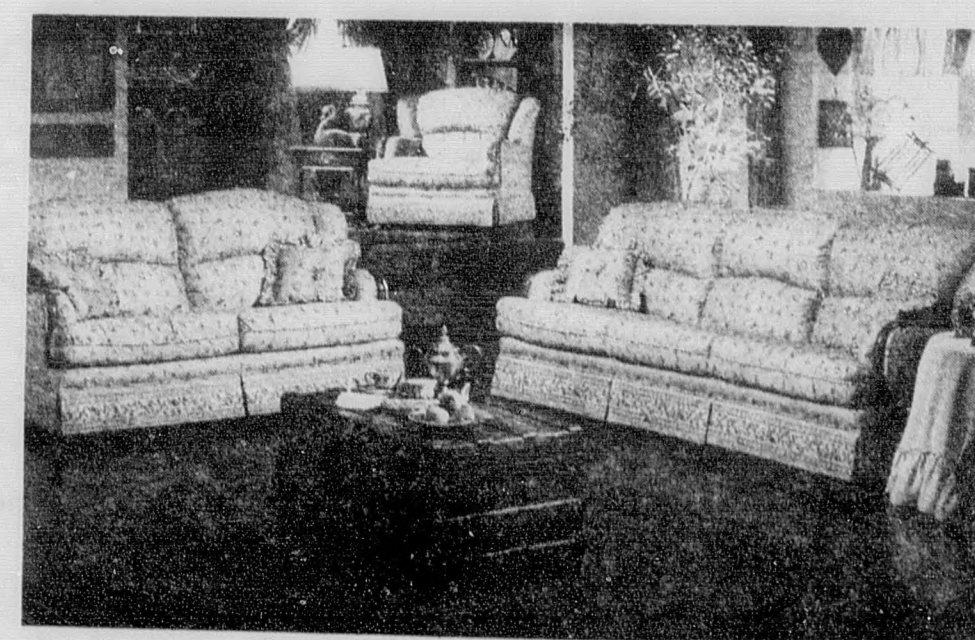
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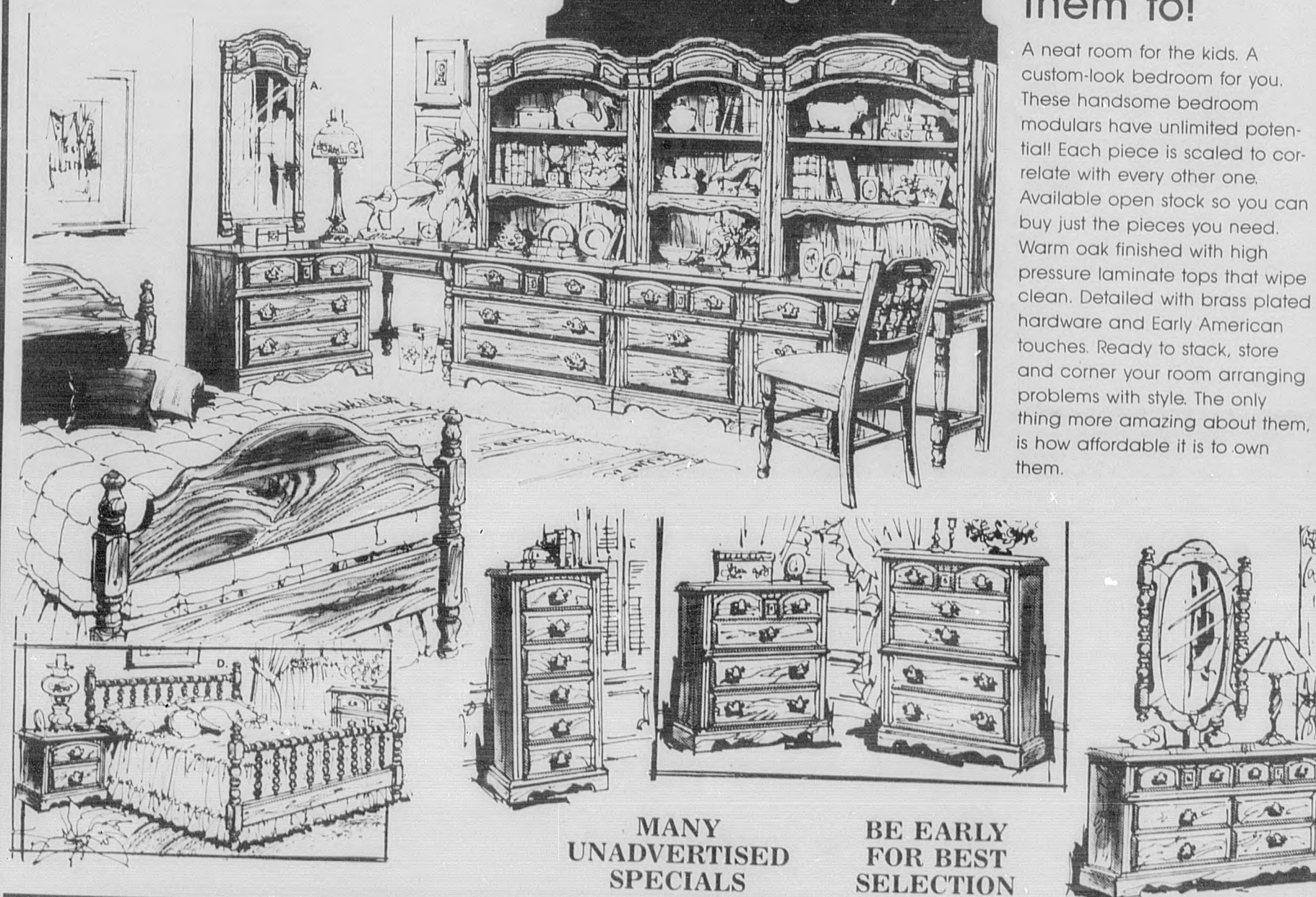
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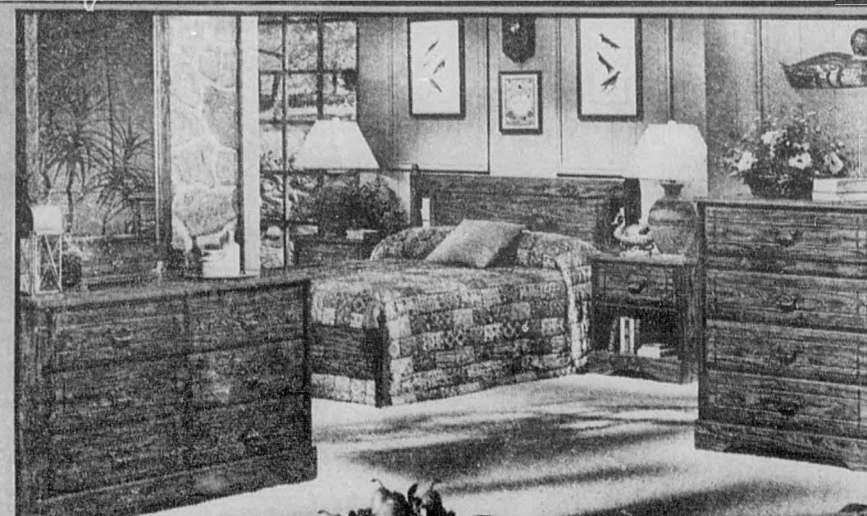
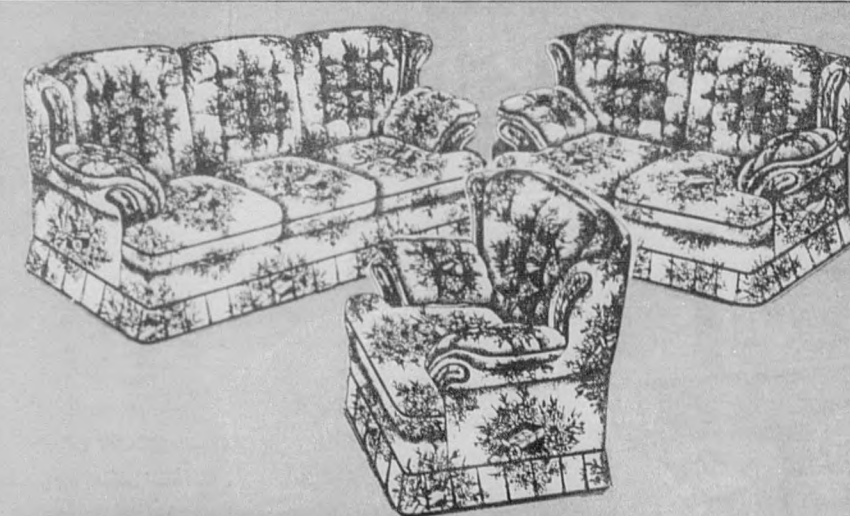
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JANUARY

1 - An Elba man arrested for assault - 3rd degree by Elba police officers was transferred to a Dothan hospital early Christmas Day after suffering serious injuries while being held in the Coffee County Jail. According to family members, David Simons, age 32, suffered severe injuries to the head.

8 - A rural Coffee County man arrested in February, 1986, on a variety of sex-related charges was sentenced to a mandatory sentence of nine years in prison this week by Circuit Judge Riley Green. Melvin Arnold was arrested last year and charged with two counts of producing obscene matter involving a person under the age of 17 and one count of second degree sodomy, second degree rape and first degree sexual abuse.

15 - Ala. Gov. George C. Wallace announced last week that he had appointed Thomas E. Head, age 38, of Elba, as the new district judge for Coffee County to serve the remaining two years of the term of Judge Gary McAlley, who will assume the post of circuit judge. Head has served as an assistant district attorney in the second district since 1981.

22 - A young Elba man was killed early Saturday morning when the vehicle he was driving left Highway 189, north of Elba, and struck a tree. The victim, identified as Daniel Rowe (Danny) Ernie, age 19, apparently was traveling south on Highway 189 when he lost control of the pickup truck he was driving.

29 - Two young Coffee County children burned to death on Monday night, Jan. 26, when a fire swept through their home located near the Perry's Store Community, north of Kinross. County coroner Fred Moore identified the children as Jennifer Tyson, age 9, and Chris Tyson, age 7, both children of Mrs. Lillian Horstead.

5 - Elba attorney Bill Stokes has filed a petition in an attempt to get a second hearing on a lawsuit challenging the results of the wet/dry election held in Elba during the general election in November, 1986. Circuit Judge Sam Adams dismissed the challenge after a motion by the city, but Stokes stated he would appeal the dismissal and last week fulfilled his promise.

12 - A news release from the Dorsey Corporation last week and announcements to employees of the local Dorsey Trailer plant indicate a definite agreement has been signed last week on the previously announced agreement to sell the assets of Dorsey Trailers to a private group of investors.

19 - Residents of Pine Cove Street and Pinedale Drive in Elba have organized a neighborhood crime watch program in order to curb thefts in that area of the city. The program is coordinated with the Elba Police Dept. and includes residents marking personal items and watching neighbors' homes while they are away.

26 - A picture on the front page entitled "Groundbreaking for New Band Room" shows school board members, band director Danny Davis and band officers with shovels doing the ground-breaking on the soon-to-be-constructed new band room. The new band room will be located in the area of the old gym and will cost a total of \$350,000 to complete.

MARCH

5 - Rev. Virgil Coleman, a former educator in Coffee County with 29 years experience, was appointed to the Coffee County Board of Education on Friday, Feb. 27, at a special called meeting. Coleman filled the vacancy created last week by the death of board chairman Frank Britt, who had served on the county board for over 20 years.

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the county's fire departments for services rendered.

19 - Paul Grummer, a native of Conway, Ark., with 13 years experience in hospital administration, has been named the new administrator at the Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home, a facility being leased by National Healthcare of Dothan. Grummer holds a master's degree in business administration from the University of Florida.

26 - The months-old talk in the area of the pending sale of Dorsey Trailers has climaxed with the official change of ownership last week. The new management team will include a lot of faces long associated with the company and familiar with the people of Elba. The announcement was made by Dorsey's new president Marilyn Marks, formerly a vice-president of the Dorsey Corporation.

APRIL

2 - United States Secretary of Agriculture Richard Lyng last week declared 23 Alabama counties a natural disaster area and included in the announcement was the addition of Coffee County. The community of the disaster proclamation came after south Alabama was deluged by heavy rains during the final four months of 1986.

9 - Former Sheriff H.D. Tillman will be honored with a reception on Sunday afternoon, April 12, in the main courtroom of the Coffee County Courthouse in Elba. The Coffee County Commission has proclaimed that day in honor of the six-term sheriff and the public is invited to attend the ceremonies to show their admiration and respect for the former county official.

16 - After hearing testimony for four days, a jury of eight women and four men took only six minutes to return a verdict of guilty against a Georgia man accused of murder-for-hire in the 1985 shooting death of his wife's lover. Easton "Buddy" Mullis, age 43, was charged with hiring two teenagers to kill James and attempted to arrest Johnston, a rural Coffee County who was kidnapped and later found dead under a bridge near the Glenwood Community.

23 - The annual Miss Elba pageant was held Saturday night, April 18, at the Elba High School auditorium, and crowned Miss Elba 1987 was Miss Jennifer Smith, lovely 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith. Miss Tabitha Bryan was selected first runner-up and named second runner-up. Miss Michelle Free, the new Miss Elba will represent the city in this fall's National Peanut Festival.

30 - A 1982 graduate of Elba High School has gone on to earn one of the nation's most prestigious awards for ROTC excellence during a recent ceremony conducted by the U.S. Army and the George C. Marshall Foundation, at the Virginia Military Institute. Cadet William T. English, son of Billy and Edna English, received the 1987 George C. Marshall award as one of over 300 college students from across the nation recognized for excellence in military science and leadership skills.

MAY

7 - The Coffee County Board of Education is one of 26 counties across the state currently facing a class action lawsuit seeking to change the method in which school board members are elected, and Supt. Clayton Bryant stated this week that he is confident that the board will reach the agreement that will be acceptable to both parties prior to the June 24 deadline.

14 - The annual Little Miss Elba pageant was held on Saturday night, May 9, at the Elba High School auditorium and crowned as the new Little Miss Elba for 1987 was lovely Miss Andrea Carnley, the blonde-haired, blue-eyed daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Carnley. Brandie Mann was chosen as first runner-up and Shelley McDaniels second runner-up. The new Little Miss Elba will represent Elba in the National Peanut Festival in Dothan.

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21 - General Telephone plans for

the Elba area include completion of a \$4 million capital improvement project, according to information given to the Elba City Council and Public Service Commissioner Jim Simons at the May 11 council meeting. Work already completed includes the installation of fiber optic cable from Elba to New Brockton and to Enterprise, while additional work includes the installation of a new digital switch.

28 - Seventy-seven graduates will march to the strains of "Pomp and Circumstance" by the Elba High School Band Friday night at 8:00 in Tiger Stadium when Elba High School conducts its annual graduation ceremonies. Kevin Daniel Killingsworth, class president, will deliver the main address entitled "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow."

JUNE

4 - The flowing well located at the courthouse square in Elba was once a source of pride to all the residents of Elba, and if Coffee County Probate Judge Marion Brunson and County Commissioner Robert Stephens have their way and get the support of the surrounding community the well could very well flow again! Anyone wishing to make a donation to the fund to repair the well may do so by mailing checks to the probate judge or Elba City Hall.

11 - The Elba City Board of Education met Thursday night and bade a fond farewell to five teachers and one board member who retired from service. The board member leaving the local group was Butch Oggs, while teachers retiring included Mrs. Sammy Morrow, Mrs. Joanne Rainer and Mr. Waylon Sharpless.

18 - An Elba man who reportedly pulled a knife on two Elba policemen was apprehended last week after eluding city and county law enforcement officers for approximately one hour. Elba Police Chief John Ed White stated that officers Cobb and Budge Marion Brunson during a visit to the Coffee County Courthouse in Elba. The special visitor's father works at a military base in Japan with Elba native Major Ken Manning and it was arranged for the 19-year-old young man to visit Alabama during a summer vacation.

27 - The Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals announced last week that it had upheld the death sentence given to Billy Joe Magwood in the 1979 shooting death of Coffee County Sheriff Neil Grantham. In making the announcement, the court ruled that Magwood was properly sentenced to death when a circuit judge in Coffee County held a new sentencing hearing last year.

JULY

2 - Seven-year-old Adam Herbert Holland of Daleville was a victim of drowning in the Pea River Saturday night while on a fishing trip. He drowned while on an overnight campout with his father and friends. A group of campers, including young Holland, was reportedly setting hooks when the boat capsized and it was three days before the youngster's body was discovered north of Elba.

9 - A gruesome murder of an elderly widower who lived alone marred the Fourth of July weekend in Elba and left the residents of this community in shock. Elmo Roberts, age 87, was found dead in his apartment by Mrs. Brunesea Winston, who owned the home in which Roberts rented a one-bedroom apartment. Arrested on Tuesday, July 7, and charged with robbery and murder was Willie Simmons Jackson, alias Billy Boy, age 36, a local man who was often seen about town with Roberts.

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23 - After hearing the reading of a true confession, District Judge Thomas Head bound an Elba man over to the Coffee County Grand Jury on a charge of capital murder and four counts of forgery. Willie Simmons Jackson was placed in the Coffee County Jail and denied bond on the murder charge. During the playing of the confession, Jackson apparently admitted hitting elderly Elba resident Elmo Roberts after the man refused to give the assailant money.

30 - A 14-year-old Opp youth, formerly of Elba, was reported to be in critical condition in a Pensacola, Florida, hospital this week with partial paralysis after a skiing accident Friday near Ganit. Bryan Daniels, age 14, was skiing with members of a youth group from the First Baptist Church of Opp when he apparently misjudged the depth of the water while coming to shore and struck his neck on the lake bottom.

AUGUST

6 - The special census being conducted in the City of Elba is nearing completion and special census supervisor Judy Price reports that when the census is completed an accurate population count for the city will be available on a district system. The special census, requested by Elba officials after adoption of a plan to redistrict the city for the upcoming election, began on July 28 and should be completed by Aug. 7.

13 - The Elba City School Board met Thursday night in what was to be the last meeting before school started, but before it ended a meeting was scheduled. The good news at the meeting was the receipt of \$15,000 from the state, the first of three checks to be received from the removal of proration, while the special meeting was set to discuss a \$5 lab fee that was introduced at the meeting.

20 - Akiko Kiya, a resident of Tokyo, Japan, received a brief history from Coffee County Probate Judge Marion Brunson during a visit to the Coffee County Courthouse in Elba. The special visitor's father works at a military base in Japan with Elba native Major Ken Manning and it was arranged for the 19-year-old young man to visit Alabama during a summer vacation.

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SEPTEMBER

3 - A multi-specialty physician group, which will work in conjunction with the Elba General Hospital, will probably begin its practice in Elba by mid-September according to hospital administrator Paul Grummer. The clinic will be housed in the former medical offices of Dr. Bancroft Cooper on Highland Drive and will include the services of at least six doctors on a rotating basis.

10 - The Elba Tigers rolled up over 450 yards in total offense as they claimed their first win of the season over Geneva 45-27. The Tigers lost their season opener to Ozark, but rebounded behind the play of Robert Wilson and Leon Coleman and the passing of Jason Johnson to defeat the highly-ranked Panthers.

17 - The Robert G. Stephens General Store, located in the Damascus Community, south of Elba, was robbed last week of approximately \$2,000 in goods and money by a trio of burglars who fled in a pickup truck after being discovered by neighbors. Stephens reported over \$700 in knives, \$660 in cigarettes and other cash and items were taken in the robbery, which occurred while the owner was attending a special meeting of the county commission.

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Constitution celebration on the courthouse square. A large crowd was on hand for the bicentennial celebration of the United States Constitution, and several local dignitaries made speeches, while the Elba High School band performed a medley of patriotic songs.

OCTOBER

1 - City and county law enforcement authorities are continuing their investigations this week in the abduction and rape of a 25-year-old female that occurred over the weekend. According to information released by the Elba Police Dept. and the Coffee County Sheriff's Dept., the victim was abducted at approximately 8:15 p.m. on Sept. 26 at the Big/Little Store located in downtown Elba and was forced to accompany the subject to several locations prior to the actual rape.

8 - A former Elba postal worker charged with the misappropriation of over \$1,000 in United States Post Office funds was found not guilty last week by a federal jury in Dothan. E. "Big Jim" Folsom, a postal employee for 22 years, was found not guilty after only two hours of deliberation. Harrison was accused of failing to report the sale of stamps, money orders and various other postal services.

15 - Flames could be seen as far away as five miles Saturday night as the old Damascus School burned to the ground. The wood frame school had been abandoned for over 20 years and had been the object of vandalism during the past several years, but was still a popular place for local teenagers to gather for a game of basketball at the school's indoor court, which was still standing. Cause of the blaze is under investigation.

22 - The Alabama Highway Dept. announced that work has begun on a bridge over the old railway line on Highway 87 south of Elba. The road will be closed to the public from Highway 84 to County Road 25 during the work and traffic will be detoured along the old River Road until the road winds back to 87.

29 - The 3-day search for a Coffee County man and his estranged wife came to an end last Wednesday night when law enforcement officers found the couple at the man's rural Coffee County home with the man holding a butcher knife to his wife's neck threatening to "cut off her head," according to authorities at the scene. The man was identified as Mickey Parks, who had apparently held his estranged wife, Deborah Parks, hostage since Sunday night when he took her from a trailer of a man near the Jack Community.

NOVEMBER

5 - Mary Bruce, 14-year-old daughter of Bill and Bebe Bruce of Dothan, is suffering from a life-threatening illness that is defying treatment. It is a blood cancer that can be treated by bone marrow transplants, providing a suitable donor can be found. A highly experimental treatment is available for people suffering from the disease, but the cost is \$100,000 and the money must be paid in advance. Donations are sought.

12 - Mrs. Mary Dowling, librarian at the Elba Public Library since 1969, was honored on Sunday afternoon with a reception at the library attended by more than 150 guests. Mrs. Dowling began serving the citizens of Elba in 1969 and became a popular hostess to the thousands of visitors to the library and always had time to give to anyone with a special need. Special plaques were presented by a number of local agencies.

19 - Alabama Gov. Guy Hunt continued his trek to every county in the state last week with a Friday afternoon stop in Elba and during his stop the popular governor told supporters and residents that he was looking for good things to happen in Coffee County and Elba in the near future. Hunt hinted that his office would be making an announcement in January that would "put Elba on the map."

26 - Former Alabama Gov. James E. "Big Jim" Folsom, a native of Elba and Coffee County, died Saturday at his home in Cullman at the age of 79. Born into politics in 1909, in rural Coffee County, James Elisha Folsom was the son of Joshua Marion Folsom, a one-term county commissioner and the tax collector of the old Damascus School burned to the ground. Folsom never forgot the residents of south Alabama, and during his years as governor paved many of the roads throughout the rural counties.

3 - Area law enforcement officials are continuing their investigation this week into the weekend rape of a woman who was reportedly abducted in Elba, raped and held captive for approximately 15 hours. According to Elba Police Chief John Ed White, a 20-year-old woman was checking her mailbox at the Elba Post Office at approximately 9 p.m. when a white male with a pistol approached her and forced her into her car. He later raped the victim and held her until her escape.

10 - Elba Chamber of Commerce president Mike McGuire is pictured on the front page presenting a check in the amount of \$500 to County Commissioner Robert Stephens to be used in the renovation of the flowing well and fountain on the courthouse square in Elba. The donation was the largest received and brought the total received to over \$1,000.

17 - Inmates at the Elba Work Release Center voted this week to donate \$100 from the Inmate Welfare Fund to the Coffee County Dept. of Human Resources to be used to buy fruit for needy families in Elba. Mr. Weyman Snipes, an inmate, also made a donation of several pounds of candy to be given to Elba youth.

24 - The Tom Head Family is pictured across the front page as Elba's "Christmas Family" for 1987. Head is district judge serving Coffee County and is pictured along with his wife Chris and their four lovely children - Anna, Alan, Jonathan and Mary Katherine.



PATRICK HONORED...The Elba Police Department held its annual Christmas dinner recently and chosen as the department's "Police Officer of the Year" by his fellow officers was Michael Juan Patrick. The award was presented by Police Chief John Ed White. Patrick has been employed with the Elba Police Department since June, 1986 and is married to the former Terry Fugitt, of Elba, and has two sons. Patrick is a second degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do Karate and is a karate instructor.